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## THE ILLINOIS FINANCIAL SURVEY

THIS STUDY of highway finance in Illinois is one of a series conducted by the United States Bureau of Public Roads in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin and various State highway departments, involving expenditures for highway purposes and the incidence of taxes for these and other purposes. The Illinois survey is based on the calendar year 1930. ${ }^{1}$ The following summary of the comprehensive report made by the investigators has been prepared by the Division of Highway Transport of the Bureau in order to make the results available in concise form. The arrangement of material follows that of the Wisconsin summary for greater ease of comparison. ${ }^{2}$

The calendar year 1930 was selected for the study because of its being a United States census year, as well as the latest year for which data from Cook County could be obtained. It is also the same year for which the similar studies in Wisconsin and Michigan were made.

To classify the incidence of taxation, the State was divided into groups of governmental units and into classes of residence. To distribute highway expenditures, the highway classifications in use in the State were adopted.
Division into groups of governmental units and classes of residence was as follows:

The State government.
The counties:
Group 1.-All counties with a population of over 400 persons per square mile in 1930.

Group 2.-All counties with a population of from 75 to 400 persons per square mile in 1930.
Group 3.-All counties with a population of from 45 to 74 persons per square mile in 1930 .
Group 4.-All counties with a population of from 30 to 44 persons per square mile in 1930 .
Group 5.-All counties with a population of from 20 to 29 persons per square mile in 1930 .
The municipalities, or local government units:
Townships (embracing all rural areas outside of incorporated municipalities). ${ }^{3}$
Incorporated places having a population of 2,500 or less.
Incorporated places having a population of 2,500 to 15,000 .

[^0]Incorporated places having a population of 15,000 to 75,000 .
Incorporated places having a population of 75,000 to 400,000 .
The city of Chicago.
The purposes of the investigation were as follows: (1) To study and analyze the direct and indirect highway receipts and disbursements of the State and of the counties, townships, municipalities, and other political subdivisions thereof; (2) to develop facts and information showing the effect of highway and related taxes on property of all kinds; and (3) to develop the total amount of revenues raised for all other governmental purposes of the State, counties, and local units as compared with the revenues raised for highways, bridges, and streets.

Illinois was selected as a field for study partly because of the representative character of its centralized highway development and partly because the facts as to receipts, expenditures, and debts of the State had never before been assembled. It was believed of value, therefore, to present information relative to the highway situation in Illinois, and also to obtain general financial statistics for use in intelligently planning future Illinois highway programs.

It is natural that these exhaustive investigations should reveal many incidental facts. This has been the case in Illinois, where certain conditions have been noted which appear worthy of mention: (1) There was apparent, quite generally, evidence of conscientious efforts on the part of most local fiscal agents in all branches of the State government to carry on their work in a satisfactory and cooperative way under difficult and complex conditions which seemed to the investigator to be most discouraging; (2) the fiscal system and records of the State-wide organization of counties and local units are cumbersome and unscientific; (3) the State hasno central accounting control of any kind: (4) the taxing authority is excessively subdivided; and (5) the existing organization automatically creates unduly heavy overhead for local road administration.

The reader should bear in mind that the present study relates only to the year 1930. Students of taxation problems will readily realize that the situation here portrayed differs somewhat from that existing today in Illinois and Chicago. The value of this study, however, lies in its analysis of fundamental relationships between taxes and expenditures, and is not diminished by temporary and abnormal conditions affecting tax collections.

In considering the financial data for Illinois, care must be used to make proper allowance for the great influence exerted by the city of Chicago upon all trends and averages. In this city were concentrated over 44 percent of the population, over 31 percent of all motor vehicles, and over 45 percent of the assessed valuation of the entire State of Illinois. Upon taxpayers of this city
were levied more than 55 percent of all taxes levied within the State; and more than 52 percent of the total public expenditures in Illinois in 1930 was made in Chicago.

## GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM DESCRIBED

The State Government is of the usual type, with a General Assembly composed of 2 houses, a Governor and other State elective offices, 9 executive departments and other appointive bodies.

There is a State tax commission the duties of which are to fix the valuation of railroads and certain property of corporations, and generally to supervise local property taxation.

There are two distinct types of county government17 counties in the southern part of the State have a county unit system and 85 counties have the township form of organization; in Cook County there is a special form of county organization.

Local government is complex, with many concurrent overlapping governmental bodies. The taxpayer may find himself subject to concurrent property taxes levied by the following agencies: State, county, township, village or city, high-school district, common-school district, sanitary district, forest-preserve district, park district, and mosquito-abatement district, or 10 governmental agencies. And, in addition, he may be subject to special assessments for streets, sidewalks and sewers. Each of these agencies has its own set of officers, its own records, and an authority to levy taxes and incur indebtedness. In this study it has not been the practice to divide the units of government further than the townships and incorporated places. Other minor governmental areas have been treated as parts of the larger units containing them.

## POPULATION AND ASSESSED VALUATION

In 1930 the population of Illinois was $7,630,654$. Concentration of population was primarily urban$6,286,995$ persons being inhabitants of incorporated places and $1,343,659$ being residents of unincorporated territory. These urban populations tend to concentrate in metropolitan areas, as shown by the fact that $4,486,441$ persons live in cities of over 25,000 . Of these, $3,376,438$ live in the city of Chicago.

The assessed valuation of all taxable property in Illinois in 1930 was $\$ 7,718,657,700$. Twenty-six percent of the assessed valuation was in the townships; 6 percent in incorporated places having a population up to 2,$500 ; 8.8$ percent in incorporated places having a population of 2,500 to 15,$000 ; 11.3$ percent in places having a population of 15,000 to 75,$000 ; 2.2$ percent in places having a population of 75,000 to 400,000 ; and 45.7 percent was in Chicago. Thus, 26 percent of the valuation was in the rural areas, and 74 percent in the urban areas.
So far as could be ascertained, real estate in Illinois was assessed in 1930 at from 30 to 40 percent of its actual value, and personal property at only nominal values.

The report on Illinois indicates that many of the relationships found to exist in Wisconsin are duplicated. Conspicuous among these are the substantial contributions to rural areas from the various municipal groups. There is an indication, however, that the large metropolitan centers such as Milwaukee in Wisconsin, Chicago in Illinois, and Detroit in Michigan are not only unique in the State but sometimes have a tendency to alter very substantially, or even to reverse, observed tendencies.

## HIGHWAY SYSTEMS IN 1930

In 1930 there were three systems of rural highways in Illinois.

Of the rural highway system, 10,098 miles, or 10.4 percent of the total, comprise the State primary system. This system is under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Public Works and Buildings, Division of Highways. It is a system designed as a State trunk system and is for the most part well paved.
Seventeen thousand three hundred sixty-nine miles, or 17.9 percent of the total, comprise the county highway system. This system is under the joint jurisdiction of the counties and the State Department of Public Works and Buildings. It serves principally county travel. The larger part of this system consists of earth roads.
Seventy-one and seven tenths percent of the total rural highways of the State are local roads under the jurisdiction of local authorities. It is interesting to note that these locally administered roads comprise a mileage nearly seven times as extensive as that of the system under direct control of the Division of Highways. With the exception of a small percentage of gravel, earth roads comprise practically all of this system. Table 1 classifies the rural mileages by highway systems and by type of surfacing. The financing of each of these types will be discussed in later pages.

The total rural highway mileage of the State amounts to 97,234 miles, or an average of 1.735 miles per square mile of territory. This is the mileage as traveled in 1930 and may vary somewhat from other mileages based on systems as officially laid out or designated.

Table 1.-Mileage and surfacing of rural highways in 1980

| System | Mileage and type of surfacing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Concrete |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bitum- } \\ & \text { inous } \\ & \text { macadam } \end{aligned}$ |  | Stone, gravel, etc. |  | Earth |  |  |  |  |
|  | Miles | Percent | Miles | Percent | Miles | Percent | Miles | Percent | Miles | Percent | Per-centage of total |
| State. | 7,683 | 76.1 | 26 | 0.3 | 121 | 1. 2 | 2, 268 | 22.4 | 10, 098 | 100.0 | 10.4 |
| County | $1,453$ | 8. 4 | 130 | . 7 | 4,726 | 27. 2 | 11, 060 | 63. 7 | 17, 369 | 100. 0 | 17.9 |
| Township | - 83 | . 1 | 90 | . 1 | 11, 190 | 16.1 | 58, 404 | 83.7 | 69, 767 | 100.0 | 71.7 |
| Total | 9,219 | 9.5 | 246 | 2 | 16, 037 | 16.5 | 71, 732 | 73.8 | 97, 234 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

At the end of 1930 there were 25,502 miles of surfaced rural highways in Illinois, or 26.2 percent of all rural highways. On the State system, 77.6 percent were surfaced; on the county system, 36.3 percent; and on the local roads, 16.3 percent.

Of the total rural highway mileage in the State, 73.8 percent is earth.

The Illinois State highway system, which is under the control of the Division of Highways, and for which the department is directly responsible for construction and maintenance, is divided into 2,724 miles known as the primary Federal-aid system; 4,252 miles called the secondary Federal-aid system; and the remaining 3,122 miles are classed as other State highways. The entire system is commonly known as the State primary system, or the State bond issue road system.

The funds for this State primary system are derived from State imposts upon motor vehicles, from Federal
aid and from bond issues. As the bond issues are being retired out of the motor-vehicle imposts, in the final analysis the entire program will be carried by these imposts, plus the Federal aid.

Few facts are available as to city and village streets in the State of Illinois. Nothing is known as to their total mileage or as to their types of surface. It is known that out of the $\$ 166,298,900$ expended on all highways in Illinois in 1930, $\$ 100,100,200$, or two thirds of the total of all highway expenditures of the year, were local expenditures on municipal streets. Of this amount, $\$ 75,873,300$ were expended by the city of Chicago alone.

## METHOD OF OBTAINING DATA

 DESCRIBEDDespite difficulties which at first seemed insurmountable -including the absence of a central assembly of financial and tax statistics, the scarcity of public reports of counties and municipalities, and the diversified and complicated systems of municipal accounting existing in Illinois-preliminary visits to some of the leading counties and cities showed that much information was available.

It was decided, therefore, to obtain the primary data for the counties and the larger cities by a personal visit to each, for the purpose of analyzing and collecting the material on the premises. The result is that on probably half of the counties and the majority of the larger cities, accurate detailed data have been secured from audit reports. On the majority of the remaining counties and cities, good information has been obtained which was compiled directly from the county records. Of the balance of the counties and cities which were for the most part small with poor records, the best possible estimates were

Table 2.-Total of all State and local charges imposed for all purposes by the State and its subdivisions for collection in 1930

| Imposed by- | Amount | Percent | Per capita |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| State | \$136, 227, 300 | 23.4 | \$17.85 |
| County | 45, 208,900 | 7.8 | 5. 92 |
| Townships. | 40, 407, 800 | 6.9 | 30.07 |
| Places up to 2,500 | 22, 328, 600 | 3.8 | 34.28 |
| Places 2,500 to 15,000. | 44,079, 700 | 7.6 | 46. 41 |
| Places 15,000 to 75,000 | 47, 140, 200 | 8. 1 | 42. 14 |
| Places 75,000 to 400,000 | 7, 180, 600 | 1.2 | 37.63 |
| - Chicago............ | 239, 834, 000 | 41. 2 | 71.03 |
| Total | 582, 407, 100 | 100.0 | 76.32 |

made from all of the information available on the premises, plus general information obtained by interviewing the officials.

Encouraged by the results obtained from the counties, the investigators decided to attempt a simple financial questionnaire for the townships, villages, and minor cities. The results exceeded expectations, over 1,000 good replies being received. These for the most part indicate a conscientious, intelligent effort on the part of the local clerks to give the data correctly. Through averages and ratios based on these replies, a correct picture of the minor local Illinois governmental units can be drawn.

To obtain figures on such matters as mileage traveled by motor vehicles, gasoline consumed, and taxes paid, questionnaires were sent to many thousands of motor vehicle owners. Additional data were secured through analysis of a large sample of car registrations. Further details on these points will be found in the section on "Motor-Vehicle Registration, Taxes, and Travel." (See p. 41.)

## TAXES LEVIED AND INCIDENCE OF TAXATION

Table 2 gives the total taxes levied for all purposes in Illinois in 1930 by the State government, the counties, and the several classes of local government unit. The importance of Chicago in the financial set-up of the State is emphasized by the fact that of all taxes levied in Illinois in 1930, 41.2 percent were imposed by the city of Chicago.
Since all State and county imposts and taxes are ultimately paid by taxpayers in townships and incorporated places, the amounts shown in the above table may be restated to show their distribution as ultimately paid. This distribution is shown in table 3. Here again it is found that 55.2 percent of all the charges in 1930 were levied on taxpayers in Chicago.

Table 3.-Incidence of all State and local charges imposed in 1930

| Payable by taxpayers in- | Amount | Percent | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { capita } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Townships | \$71, 516, 100 | 12.3 | \$53.22 |
| Places up to 2,500 | 38,011,300 | 6.5 | 58.37 |
| Places 2,500 to 15,000 | 65, 583, 100 | 11.2 | 69.05 |
| Places 15,000 to 75,000- | 73, 745, 800 | 12.7 | 65.92 |
| Chicago | 321, 482, 500 | 55.2 | 63.24 95.21 |
| Total | 582, 407, 100 | 100.0 | 76. 32 |

The sources of total Illinois revenue for all purposes in 1930 are shown in table 4. It is to be noted that in these tabulations there have been included both the taxes levied but not fully collected, principally general property taxes; and taxes actually collected, such as motor-vehicle, corporation, inheritance, and other imposts. (See p. 45.)

Table 4.-Sources of revenue by type of tax or revenue

| Type of tax | Amount | Percent | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { capita } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ad valorem general taxes. | \$427, 317, 600 | 73.4 | \$56. 00 |
| Ad valorem railroad raxes. | 31, 272, 400 | 5.4 | 4. 10 |
| Other railroad taxes. | 2, 478,900 | . 4 | . 32 |
| State motor-vehicle imposts | 46, 974, 600 | 8. 1 | 6. 15 |
| Local vehicle imposts | 7, 174, 500 | 1.2 | . 94 |
| Other local imposts. | 41, 570, 400 | 7.1 | 5. 45 |
| Inheritance taxes. | 12, 802, 100 | 2.2 | 1.68 |
| Insurance taxes...... | 6, 342, 000 | 1.1 | . 83 |
| Corporation imposts.......... | 4, 088,600 $2,386,000$ | . 7 | . 51 |
| Total | 582, 407, 100 | 100.0 | 76.32 |
| RECAPITULATION |  |  |  |
| General property taxes. | \$427, 317, 600 | 73.4 | \$56. 00 |
| Railroad taxes......- | 33, 751, 300 | 5.8 | 4. 42 |
| Motor-vehicle imposts | 54, 149, 100 | 9.3 | 7.09 |
| Other local receipts. | 41, 570, 400 | 7.1 | 5. 45 |
| Other State receipts. | 25, 618, 700 | 4.4 | 3.36 |
| Total | 582, 407, 100 | 100.0 | 76.32 |

## TAXATION DATA SUMMARIZED

In order to summarize the total revenues of the State as shown by table 4, another distribution of these revenues to show their incidence by general types of taxes and by classes of places in which they are paid is given in table 5. The item "other taxes" includes imposts on

Table 5.-Incidence and classification of all taxes levied in 1930

| Payable by taxpayers in- | General property taxes |  | Imposts on motor vehicles 1 |  | Other taxes |  | All taxes |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Amount | Percent | Amount | Percent | Amount | Percent | Amount | Per- <br> cent |
| Townships | \$56, 409, 700 | 13. 2 | \$4, 828, 600 | 8.9 | \$10, 277, 800 | 10.2 | \$71, 516, 100 | 12.3 |
| $2,500$ | 21, 263, 500 | 5. 0 | 7, 255, 100 | 13.4 | 9, 492, 700 | 9. 4 | $38,011,300$ | 6.5 |
| Places 2,500 to $15,000$. | 41, 953, 700 | 9.8 | 8, 543, 600 | 15.8 | $15,085,800$ | 14.9 | $65,583,100$ | 11.3 |
| Places 15,000 to 75,000 | 49,698, 600 | 11. 6 | 9, 900, 300 | 18.3 | 14, 146, 900 | 14.0 | 73, 745, 800 | 12.6 |
| Places 75,000 to 400,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 8,187,200 \\ 249,804,900 \end{array}$ | 1. 9 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,911,800 \\ 21,709,700 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3.5 \\ 40.1 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,969,300 \\ 49,967,900 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2.0 \\ 49.5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 12,068,300 \\ 321,482,500 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}2.1 \\ 55.2 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Chicago. |  | 58.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100. 0 |  | 100.0 |  | 100.0 |  | 100.0 |
| Total | 427, 317, 600 | 73.4 | $54,149,100$ | 9.3 | 100, 940, 400 | 17.3 | 582, 407, 100 | 100.0 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes license fees, $\$ 18,447,200$; gasoline tax, $\$ 28,246,700$; oil-inspection fees, $\$ 280,700$; and wheel taxes, $\$ 7,174,500$. (See pp. 41 to 44 for detailed discussion.)
railroad property, inheritance taxes, insurance taxes, corporation imposts, and miscellaneous State and local imposts. The ad valorem railroad taxes should properly be classified under general property taxes, but no break-down was available on this item taken alone.

Table 6 gives, in the first column of figures, the tax rates per $\$ 100$ valuation required to meet the total charges levied upon general property in each of the several classes of local government unit. For purposes of comparison, the second column gives the rates which would have been required if all taxation had been levied upon general property; and the last column gives
the percentages which general property taxes were of all levies.

Table 6.-General property tax rates per $\$ 100$ valuation in 1930, and their relation to the total of all imposts

| Unit of government in which taxes were payable | Actual tax rate on general property tax as levied | Tax rate needed to raise all taxes by general property tax levies | Percentage that general property taxes are of all taxes and imposts |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Townships | \$2.81 | \$3. 56 | 78.9 |
| Places up to 2,500 | 4.59 | 8. 20 | 55.9 |
| Places 2,500 to 15,000. | 6. 20 | 9.69 | 64.0 |
| Places 15,000 to 75,000 | 5. 71 | 8.47 | 67.4 |
| Places 75,000 to 400,000 | 4. 74 | 6.98 | 67.8 |
| Chicago.. | 7.08 | 9.12 | 77.7 |
| Average for State | 5. 54 | 7.55 | 73.4 |

STREET AND HIGHWAY REVENUES OBTAINED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY AND MOTOR-VEHICLE TAXES

The amount of $\$ 150,266,700$ was levied in the State of Illinois in 1930 for street and highway purposes. Of this sum, the charges imposed directly against motor vehicles and their owners and operators was somewhat over one third of the total, the balance being charges against property. Table 7 shows these facts in detail.

Table 7.-Taxation imposed for street and highway purposes in 1930

| Type of tax | Amount | Percent | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { capita } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| On general property: |  |  |  |
| County | $\$ 7,076,200$ $29,122,800$ | 4.7 19 | $\$ 0.93$ 3.81 |
| Special. | 56, 260, 200 | 37.4 | 7. 37 |
| Railroad | 3, 658, 400 | 2.4 | . 48 |
| Total | 96, 117, 600 | 63.9 | 12. 59 |
| On motor vehicles: |  |  |  |
| License fees.- | 18, 447, 200 | 12.3 | 2. 42 |
| Fuel tax-.....- | 28, 246,700 | 18.8 | 3. 70 |
| On inspection fees |  |  |  |
| Total | 54, 149, 100 | 36.1 | 7. 10 |
| Grand total | 150, 266, 700 | 100.0 | 19.69 |

Table 8.-Incidence of taxes imposed for street and highway purposes in 1930, classified by groups of places

| Payable by taxpayers and motor-vehicle owners | Amount | Percent | Per capita |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Townships | \$16, 996, 900 | 11.3 | \$12.65 |
| Places up to 2,500 | 15, 059, 300 | 10.0 | 23.12 |
| Places 2,500 to 15,000 | 21, 479, 300 | 14.3 | 22.62 |
| Places 15,000 to 75,000- | 22, 114, 800 | 14.7 | 19. 77 |
| Places 75,000 to 400,000 | 3, 702, 800 | 2.5 | 19. 40 |
| Chicag | 70, 913, 600 | 47.2 | 21.00 |
| Total | 150, 266, 700 | 100.0 | 19. 69 |

Table 8 shows the distribution of the street and highway levies as amounts paid (or payable) by taxpayers and motor-vehicle owners in the several classes of local government unit. The amount given for each class of place is the sum of all taxes imposed for highway purposes, including local privilege taxes and portions of the local general property tax levies, local special assessments, and local railroad taxes ${ }^{4}$; that portion of the

[^1]county property taxes allocated to the communities on the basis of relative property values; and the amount of State gasoline and vehicle fees contributed by motor vehicle owners in these groups of places as determined by facts ascertained in this study.
For the cities, this includes the contributions for local street improvements as well as the urban share of the rural highway program. The same facts classified by county groups instead of groups of places are shown in table 9.

Table 9.-Incidence of taxes specifically imposed for street and highway purposes in 1930, classified by groups of counties

| Payable by taxpayers and motor-vehicle owners in-- | Amount | Percent | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { capita } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| County group: |  |  |  |
|  | \$87, 512, 900 | 58.2 | \$21.98 |
| 2 | 29,217, 100 | 19.5 | 17.61 |
| 3 | 18, 888,100 | 12.6 | 17.31 |
| 5 | $12,059,80$ $2,590,800$ | 8.7 |  |
| Total | 150, 266, 700 | 100.0 | 19.69 |

MOTOR-VEHICLE REGISTRATION, TAXES, AND TRAVEL
Registrations.-There were $1,642,628$ motor vehicles of all types registered in the State of Illinois in 1930, or 1 for every 4.6 persons. The ratio of passenger cars was 1 to every 5.3 persons, and of motor trucks and busses 1 to every 37.1 persons.

In order to allocate motor vehicles among the local units of government, a sample of 50,000 motor-vehicle registrations was tabulated, and the situs of vehicles whose location was uncertain was verified by correspondence. On the basis of the distribution shown by this sample, an approximate allocation was made, by place of ownership, of all registered motor vehicles, among the several county groups and the classes of local unit. This distribution is shown in table 10. The data are subdivided between passenger automobiles on the one hand and trucks and busses on the other.

Table 10.-Number of registered automobiles and trucks and busses in 1930, distributed by place of ownership

| County group | Place of ownership |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Percentage of State } \\ & \text { total } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \\ & 8 \\ & 108 \\ & 1=8 \\ & 0^{215} \\ & \frac{0}{2} \\ & \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r}80 \\ 8 \\ \frac{8}{4} \\ \hline 0\end{array}$ | E |  |
| Group 1: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Automobiles | 5, 134 | 10, 268 | 35, 937 | 71,875 |  | 447, 219 | 570, 433 |  |
| Trucks and busses...- | 2,003 7,137 | 11, 2301 | 4,161 40,098 | 6,010 77,885 |  | 63,644 510,863 | 77,051 647,484 | 39.4 |
| Group 2: <br> Automobiles | 36,509 | 11,501 45,649 | 40,098 77,287 | 7,885 |  |  | 647,484 345,849 |  |
| Trucks and busses | 11,346 | 4,992 | 8,447 | 21, 897 | 6, 671 |  | 53, 353 |  |
| Total | 47,855 | 50,641 | 85, 734 | 160, 776 | 54, 196 |  | 399, 202 | 24.3 |
| Group 3: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trucks and busses | 12, 906 | 6,808 | 11, 458 | 7,356 |  |  | 38,528 |  |
| Total ....-.-.-. | 72, 667 | 84, 738 | 98, 806 | 62, 156 |  |  | 318, 367 | 19.4 |
| Group 4: | 796 | 92, 671 | 43, 170 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trucks and busses.--- | 14,661 | 9, 497 | 6,673 |  |  |  | 30, 831 |  |
| Total | 74,457 | 102, 168 | 49, 843 |  |  |  | 226, 468 | 13.8 |
| Group 5: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Automobiles Trucks and busses | 15,605 | 24, 953 | 4,500 |  |  |  | 45, 058 |  |
| Trucks and busses Total | $2,918$ | $2,763$ | $368$ |  |  |  | 6, 049 |  |
| Total | 18,523 | 27, 716 | 4,868 |  |  |  | 51, 107 | 3.1 |
| Total for State: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Automobiles......-- | 176, 805 | 251, 471 | 248, 242 | 265, 554 | 47, 525 | 447, 219 | 1, 436, 816 | 87.5 |
| Trucks and busses... | $\begin{array}{r} 43,834 \\ 200 \end{array}$ | 25, 293 | 31, 107 | 35, 263 | 6,671 | 63, 644 | , 205, 812 | 12.5 |
| Total Percentage of State | 220,639 | 276, 764 | 279, 349 | 300,817 | 54, 196 | 510,863 | 1,642, 628 | 100.0 |
| total. | 13.4 | 16.8 | 17.0 | 18. 4 | 3.3 | 31.1 | 100.0 |  |

1 The distribution shown in this table is based on the analysis of a sample of 50,000 motor-vehicle registrations.

Registration fees.-Total license fees paid in 1930 amounted to $\$ 18,477,200$. Passenger cars paid fees of $\$ 8, \$ 12$ or $\$ 20$, depending on the horsepower, and motor trucks and busses paid $\$ 10, \$ 12, \$ 35, \$ 75$, or $\$ 250$.
The total cost of the entire motor-vehicle department, including the licensing division, the investigators' division, and the chauffeurs' licensing division, was $\$ 667,036$, which averaged 41 cents per motor vehicle registered. The actual cost of the automobile license department alone, without its allied investigators' and chauffeurs' divisions, was $\$ 482,160$, or 29 cents per vehicle registered. The entire cost of the division was 3.6 percent of all the fees collected, and the cost of the automobile license department alone was 2.6 percent of all fees collected.

From the relationships disclosed by the sample of 50,000 vehicles, it was possible to locate motor-vehicle licenses paid by places, and the computations were found to give almost exactly the same totals by counties as were the actual amounts reported by the State authorities as having been paid in the same counties. Table 11 gives total registration fees paid and amounts

TABLe 11.-Motor-vehicle registrations, persons per vehicle, and registration fees paid, distributed by place of ownership among the several classes of local government unit

| Place of ownership | Registration in | Percentage of total | Persons per vehicle | Registration fees in 1930 | Percentage of State total | Payments per vehicle |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Townships: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Automobiles | 176,805 | ${ }^{1} 12.3$ | 7.6 | \$1, 731, 400 | ${ }^{1} 12.5$ | \$9.79 |
| Trucks and bu | 43, 834 | ${ }^{2} 21.3$ | 30.7 | 555, 800 | ${ }^{2} 12.1$ | 12. 67 |
| Total | 220,639 | 13.4 | 5.9 | 2, 287, 200 | 12.4 | 10.37 |
| Places up to 2,500: |  |  | 2.6 | 2, 236,500 | 116.1 | 8.89 |
| Automobiles. | 251, 271 | 117.5 212.3 | 25.7 | 2, 236,500 | ${ }^{1} 16.1$ | 8.89 21.30 |
| Total | 276, 764 | 16.8 | 2. 4 | 2, 775, 300 | 15.0 | 10.03 |
| Places 2,500 to 15,000: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Automobiles..- | 248, 242 | 117.3 | 3.8 | 2, 364, 200 | 117.1 | 9. 52 |
| Trucks and busses | 31, 107 | ${ }^{2} 15.1$ | 30.5 | 690,500 | ${ }^{2} 15.0$ | 22. 20 |
| Total | 279, 349 | 17.0 | 3.4 | 3, 054, 700 | 16.6 | 10.94 |
| Places 15,000 to 75,000 : |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Automobiles-.-- | 265, 554 | ${ }^{1} 18.5$ | 4.2 | 2, 650,900 | ${ }^{1} 19.2$ | 9.99 25. 79 |
| Trucks and bus | 35, 263 | 217.1 | 31.7 | 909, 100 | 2 19.7 | 25.79 11.83 |
| Total | 300, 817 | 18.4 | 3.7 | 3,560, 000 | 19.3 | 11.83 |
| Places 75,000 to 400,000: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Automobiles...... | 47, 525 | ${ }^{1} 3.3 .3$ | 4.0 28.6 | 493,300 180,600 | 13.6 23.9 | 10.38 27.09 |
| Trucks and busses | 6,671 | 23.2 | 28.6 | 180, 600 | 23.9 | 27. 09 |
| Total | 54, 196 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 673, 900 | 3. 7 | 12.43 |
| Chicago: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Automobiles | 447, 219 | 131.1 | 7.5 | 4, 364, 800 |  | 9.76 |
| Trucks and buss | 63, 644 | 231.0 | 53. 1 | $1,731,300$ | 2 27.6 33.0 | 27. 20 |
| Total | 510, 863 | 31.1 | 6. 6 | 6, 096, 100 | 33.0 | 11.93 |
| State totals: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Automobiles | 1,436, 816 | 87.5 | 5. 3 | $13,841,100$ | 75. 0 | 9. 63 |
| Trucks and busses | 205,812 | 12.5 | 37.1 | 4, 606,100 | 25.0 | 22. 38 |
| Total..---. | 1,642,628 | 100.0 | 4.6 | 18, 447, 200 | 100.0 | 11. 23 |

${ }^{1}$ Percentage of total for automobiles.
2 Percentage of total for trucks and busses.
per vehicle, distributed, by place of ownership, among the several classes of local government unit. The average fee paid for passenger automobiles was $\$ 9.63$; for motor trucks and busses, $\$ 22.38$; and the average for all motor vehicles registered was $\$ 11.23$.
It will be observed that, while the average license fee paid for automobiles does not vary consistently, the fees paid for trucks and busses, as well as the averages for all motor vehicles, increase fairly steadily as the place of residence becomes more urban. It is also notable that trucks and busses, which constitute only 12.5 percent of the registrations, pay 25 percent of the license fees.

Mileage traveled and gasoline consumption.-Data on the average travel and gasoline consumption by Illinois trucks, busses, and automobiles in 1931 were obtained
through questionnaires sent to 20,000 motor vehicle owners in the State. As the questionnaire survey was conducted in 1932, it was impossible to expect motor vehicle owners to respond intelligently to requests for information covering the operation of their cars for any period except the year immediately preceding. For this reason the year 1931 was chosen, rather than 1930, which was the year covered by the financial survey. The sample was carefully selected to obtain a distribution in proportion to the motor-vehicle ownership of the various places, and every check indicates that a fair cross section was received. Usable replies were received from 7,150 owners.

The average mileage traveled and the average gasoline consumption by Illinois motor vehicles in 1931 are summarized in table 12 . Ownership of the vehicles is classified according to place of residence of the owner. No attempt was made to obtain data as to the classification of the roads and streets on which this travel was performed. The facts summarized below were determined by questionnaire methods.
Table 12.-Average miles traveled and average gasoline consumption in 1931, by place of ownership

Place of ownership

Townships
Places up to 2,500
Places 2,500 to 15,000
Places 75,000 to $75,000=$
Chicago................
State totals and averages...

Further analysis of mileage and gasoline consumption, showing details of travel by groups of counties and by the two principal classes of motor vehicles, is given in table 13. The average passenger-car mileage for the State as a whole is shown to be 8,537 miles, with an average of 611 gallons of gasoline consumed.

Motor trucks and busses as a whole, in both urban and rural districts, traveled a slightly higher mileage than was the case with passenger automobiles. More significant is the fact that the average automobile consumed only 60 percent as much gasoline as was the average for trucks and busses. In the city of Chicago the gasoline consumption of trucks and busses was about two and one half times that of the average car.

No information was obtained as to the respective use of automobiles for business or pleasure purposes, or on the extent of travel outside of the State of Illinois.

From the facts ascertained by this study as to the location of motor vehicles, average miles traveled per vehicle, and the average gasoline consumption, it was possible to compute the total miles traveled in the State, and the total gasoline consumption. Some of these computations, which, of course, are only the most accurate approximations which can be made with the material available, are presented in table 14. Total mileage and gasoline consumption data are given for automobiles and for trucks and busses owned in each of the classes of local governmental unit.

Table 13.-Motor-vehicle travel in 1931 by place of ownership in the 5 groups of counties ${ }^{1}$

${ }^{1}$ This table shows the variation in the mileage and gasoline consumption in the several groups of counties as indicated by the highway questionnaire sent out and tabulated during this survey.

Table 14.-Mileage traveled, gasoline consumption, and gasolinetax payments by automobiles and by trucks and busses, distributed by place of ownership

| Place of ownership | Registrations in 1930 | Total travel | Per-centage of total | Total gasoline con-sumption | Total gasoline tax paid | Per-centage of total | Aver- <br> age <br> per <br> ve- <br> hicle |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Townships: <br> Automobiles | 176 | Millions of vehiclemiles 1,186. 2 |  | Thousands of gallons 75, 142 |  |  |  |
| Trucks and | 43, 834 | 1, 296.4 |  | 23,013 | 1590, 000 |  | 13. 46 |
| Total | 220,639 | 1,482.6 | 10.5 | 98, 155 | 2, 516, 400 | 8.9 | 11. 41 |
| Places up to 2,500 : Automobiles. | 251, 471 | 2, 175. 5 |  | 142, 584 | 3, 711, 300 |  |  |
| Trucks and | 25, 293 | 256.8 |  | 25, 217 | 3, 656,400 |  | 25. 95 |
| Total | 276, 764 | 2, 432.3 | 17.2 | 167,801 | 4, 367, 700 | 15.5 | 15. 78 |
| Places 2,500 to 15,000: Automobiles.... | 248, 242 | 2,291.0 |  | 159,868 | 4, 114, 300 |  |  |
| Trucks and bus | 31, 107 | 2,2911.0 |  | 27, 404 | 4,705,300 |  | 22.67 |
| Total | 279, 349 | 2,602.0 | 18.3 | 187, 272 | 4, 819, 600 | 17.1 | 17. 25 |
| Places 15,000 to 75,000 : Automobiles. | 265, 554 | 2, 436. 2 |  | 178, 452 | 4,651,200 |  |  |
| Trucks and busse | 35, 263 | , 324.6 |  | 34, 805 | 907, 100 |  | 25. 72 |
| Total | 300, 817 | 2,760.8 | 19.5 | 213, 257 | 5, 558, 300 | 19.6 | 18. 48 |
| Places 75,000 to 400,000: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Automobiles.... | 47, 525 | 431. 1 |  | 33, 315 | 864,900 |  | 18. 20 |
| Trucks and busses | 6,671 | 56. 78 |  | 6,551 3,866 | 170, 100 |  | 25. 50 |
| Total icago: | 54, 196 | 487.8 | 3.4 | 39, 866 | $1,035,000$ | 3.7 | 19. 10 |
| Automobiles | 447, 219 | 3,821.9 |  | 297, 848 | 7, 534, 700 |  | 16. 85 |
| Trucks and buss | 63, 644 | 590.9 |  | 95, 466 | 2, 415, 000 |  | 37.95 |
| Total | 510,863 | 4, 412.8 | 31.1 | 393, 314 | 9,949, 700 | 35.2 | 19.48 |
| State $\ddagger$ tal: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Automobiles. | 1,436, 816 | 12,341. 9 | 87.0 | 887, 209 | 22, 802, 800 | 80.7 | 15. 87 |
| Trucks and busse | 205, 812 | 1,836, 4 | 13.0 | 212, 456 | 5, 443, 900 | 19.3 | 26. 45 |
| Total | 1,642,628 | 14, 178.3 | 100.0 | 1,099, 665 | 28, 246, 700 | 100, 0 | 17. 20 |

The gasoline tax.-The total (net after refunds) gasoline tax paid (at the 1930 tax rate of 3 cents per gallon) was $\$ 28,246,700$. The cost of collecting this tax and making the refunds was $\$ 79,805$, or $\$ 2.83$ per $\$ 1,000$ collected.

Tarle 15.- Average and total payments of motor vehicle fees and gasoline taxes by owners of motor vehicles in Illinois in 1930 , distributed according to place of ownership

| Place of ownership | Payments per vehicle |  |  | Total payments |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Registration lees | Casoline tax | Total | Registration fees | $\begin{gathered} \text { ( fasoline } \\ \text { tax } \end{gathered}$ | Oil insuection fees | Wheel taxes | All motor vehicle imfosts | Perceintage of total |
| Townships | \$10.37 | \$11.41 | \$21. 78 | \$2, 287, 200 | \$2, 516, 400 | \$25, 000 |  | \$4, 828, 6,00 | 8. 4 |
| Places up to 2,500 | 10. 03 | 15. 78 | 25. 81 | 2, 775,300 | 4, 367, 700 | 43, 400 | \$68, 700 | 7, 255, 100 | 13. 4 |
| Places 2,500 to 15,000 | 10.94 | 17. 25 | 28.19 | 3. 054,700 | 4, 819, 600 | 47,900 | 621, 400 | 8,54:3, (50) | 15.8 |
| Places 15,000 to 75.000 | 11. 8.8 | 18.48 | 30.31 | 3, 566), 0001 | 5, 558,300 | 55, 200 | 726,800 | 9, 9010,300 | 18.3 |
| Places 75,000 to 400,000 | 12.43 11.43 | 19.10 19.48 | 31.53 31.41 | 673,900 $6,096,100$ | $1,035,000$ $9,949,700$ | 10,300 48,900 | 192, 5000 | 1,911, 800 | 3.5 40.1 |
| State totals and arerages | 11. 23 | 17.20 | 28.43 | 18, 44, . 200 | 28, 246, 700 | 280, 700 | 7, 174,500 | 54.149.100 | 106.0 |

In addition to data on mileage and gasoline consumption table 14 also gives the total pavments of gasoline tax, and the payments per vehicle. The amounts given as gasoline-tax payments do not equal the gallonage consumed multiplied by the tax of 3 cents per gallon. The reason for this apparent discrepancy is that the figures as to gallonage, average mileage, etc., are those obtained from the 1931 questionnaire; while the average tax paid is the actual net 1930 tax collected, apportioned on the basis of the facts as to allocation determined by this study. It is evident that there should be no great change between one year and the next in the proportionate amount of travel in the various groups of places, and the figures as given are, therefore, regarded as representative.

As shown in table 14, the average gasoline tax paid by automobiles was $\$ 15.87$; that paid by trucks and busses was $\$ 26.45$. The average for all motor vehicles was $\$ 17.20$. The amount of gasoline tax paid per vehicle increases rather steadily as the place of residence becomes more urban, township rehicles paying only $\$ 11.41$, while Chicago vehicles paid $\$ 19.48$.

It will be observed that trucks and busses, which contributed only 13.0 percent of the traffic, paid 19.3 percent of the gasoline taxes.

The proceeds of the gasoline tax are used entirely for State and county highway programs. Two thirds of the tax is retained by the State and the balance returned to the counties. The county share of the gasoline tax may be used either on current highway programs or for the retirement of bonds. The payment of the allotments to counties is under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Division of Highways. Counties cannot receive their allotments until complete plans for the disposition of these funds have been submitted to the Division of Highways and approved by it.

## TOTAL MOTOR-VEHICLE PAYMENTS SHOWN

The distribution, according to place of ownership, of all registration fees and gasoline taxes paid by owners of motor vehicles is shown in table 15. Both total and per-vehicle figures are given. In addition to the license fees and the gasoline tax, the State imposes an "oilinspection fee" at the rate of 1 cent per 100 gallons; and various municipalities impose privilege taxes, which are known as "wheel taxes", upon motor vehicles. These payments are also shown; so that table 15 gives the total af all imposts upon motor vehicles and their use in Illinois in 1930.

DATA ON MOTOR-VEHICLE TAXES AND TRAVEL SUMMARIZED
Tables 16 and 17 summarize the relationships between population, rehicles registered, registration fees and

Table 16.-Percentage comparison of the several classes of local government umit as to population, motor vehicles registered, motor-vehicle taxes paid, and share of total Sitaie traffic contributed by vehicles owned in these places

| Unit of Govermnent | Popu- <br> lation | Motor rehicles registered | Registratioti fees paid | Gasoline <br> taxes <br> paid | Registration fees and gasoline taxes paid | All <br> motor <br> vehicle <br> im- <br> posts <br> paid | Contri- <br> bution <br> in total <br> traffic |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent |
| Townships. | 17. 61 | 13.4 | 12.4 | 8.9 | 10.3 | 8.9 | 10. 5 |
| Places up to 2,500 | 8.53 | 16. 8 | 15.0 | 15. 5 | 15.3 | 13.4 | 17.2 |
| Places 2,500 to 15,000 | 12. 45 | 17.0 | 16.6 | 17.1 | 16.9 | 15.8 | 18.3 |
| Places 15,000 to 75,000 | 14. 66 | 18. 4 | 19.3 | 19.6 | 19.5 | 18.3 | 19.5 |
| Places 75,000 to 400,000. | 2. 50 | 3.3 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3. 7 | 3.5 | 3.4 |
| Chicago. | 44. 25 | 31.1 | 33.0 | 35. 2 | 34.3 | 40.1 | 31.1 |
| Total | 100.00 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100. 0 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes oil-inspection fees and wheel taxes.
TABLE 17.-Percentage comparison of the several groups of counties as to population, motor vehicles registered, and motorvehicle taxes paid

| County group | Population | Motor vehicles registered | Registration fees paid | Gasoline taxes paid | Registra- <br> tion fees <br> and gaso- <br> line taxes <br> paid |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1- \\ & 2 \\ & 3 \\ & 4 \\ & 5 \end{aligned}$ | Percent <br> 52. 19 <br> 21. 74 <br> 14. 30 <br> 9.39 <br> 2. 38 | Percent 39.4 24.3 19.4 13.8 3.1 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Percent } \\ 41.9 \\ 25.6 \\ 17.9 \\ 12.1 \\ 2.5 \end{array}$ | Percent 43. 2 25.8 17. 3 11. 2 2. 5 | Percent 42. 7 25. 17.5 11. 6 2.5 |
| Total | 100.00 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

gasoline taxes paid, and traffic, which have been brought out in the preceding paragraphs. Table 16 shows comparisons between the various classes of local government unit; in table 17 the groups of counties are compared.

From these tables and those previously given the following conclusions have been derived:

1. The townships, with 17.61 percent of the population, contained 13.4 percent of the registered motor vehicles; motor-vehicle owners in the townships paid 10.3 percent of the motor-vehicle registration fees and gasoline taxes and contributed 10.5 percent of the total traffic of Illinois vehicles.
2. Incorporated places other than Chicago, with 38.14 percent of the population, contained 55.5 percent of the registered motor vehicles; motor-vehicle owners in these places paid 55.4 percent of the motor-vehicle registration fees and gasoline taxes, and contributed 58.4 percent of the total traffic of Illinois vehicles.
3. Chicago, with 44.25 percent of the population. contained 31.1 percent of the registered motor vehicles:
motor-vehicle owners in Chicago paid 34.3 percent of the motor-vehicle registration fees and gasoline taxes and contributed 31.1 percent of the traffic of Illinois vehicles.
4. Of all imposts on motor vehicles, the owners of motor vehicles in the townships paid 8.9 percent; those in incorporated places other than Chicago paid 51.0 percent; and those in Chicago paid 40.1 percent.
5. The average registration fee paid was $\$ 11.23$; the average gasoline tax payment, $\$ 17.20$; the total, $\$ 28.43$. Both registration fees and gasoline tax payments were found to increase as the place of residence becomes more urban.
6. The average registration fee paid by passenger automobiles was $\$ 9.63$; by trucks and busses, $\$ 22.38$. The average gasoline-tax payments by passenger automobiles were $\$ 15.87$; by trucks and busses, $\$ 26.45$. Thus the average payments in registration fees and gasoline tares were: passenger automobiles, $\$ 25.50$; trucks and busses, $\$ 48.83$.
7. The owners of motor trucks and busses, which constituted 12.5 percent of the total registrations and contributed 13 percent of the total traffic of Illinois vehicles, paid 25 percent of the registration fees and 19.3 percent of the gacoline taxes.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND THEIR PLACE IN THE HIGHWAY PROGRAM
In Illinois as in many other States, in cities and in municipal communities, streets and other public improvements are largely financed through special assessments. In Illinois cities in 1930, special assessments collected for highway purposes totaled $\$ 56,260,200$. At least $\$ 50,000,000$ of special-assessment highwayimprovement bonds were issued. Practically all the costs of paving streets in cities of 10,000 and over, and also in many places smaller than this, are met through special assessments.

The special assessment obligations, not being a part of the cities' financial affiairs, are not treated as a part of urban debt, and hence, are not subject to the salutary effects of debt limitation statutes. This makes possible such situations as exist, for example, in Niles Center, an Illinois city of 5,007 persons, having a special assessment debt outstanding of $\$ 10,208,900$, or over $\$ 2,000$ for every man, woman, and child in the city. Or, as an extreme case, the village of Westchester, a subdivision in Cook County, with a population of 358 persons, has an assessed value of $\$ 2,369,200$ and special-assessment obligations outstanding of $\$ 3,375,577$, or nearly $\$ 10,000$ per capita. While this is exceptional, there are many Illinois cities which have special-assessment obligations outstanding of from 10 to 50 percent of their assessed valuation. For example, Lombard, in Du Page County, with an assessed valuation of $\$ 4,812,900$, had outstanding special assessment obligations of approximately $\$ 2,750,000$, or about $\$ 450$ per capita. Villa Park, in Du Page County, with a population of 6,220 and an assessed valuation of $\$ 4,533,-$ 900 , had outstanding special assessment obligations of about $\$ 4,000,000$.

So far as is possible, these expenditures and receipts and debts have been assembled in this study. The highway expenditures include all of the public payments in Illinois for roads and streets, including those financed through special assessments.

With the exception of the Illinois Central charter line system, railroads pay upon the property allocated by the tax commission to the community the same
taxes as are charged against other property in the community. This caused them to contribute in 1930 $\$ 3,658,400$ toward the local highway program.

Many Illinois cities charge wheel taxes, usually from $\$ 3$ to $\$ 5$ per vehicle, for the use of streets. Occasionally revenues are derived from franchises for the use of certain streets by utilities. Illinois urban communities derived $\$ 7,174,500$ from these sources within the year, of which $\$ 5,565,000$ was in the city of Chicago.

While motor vehicles in Illinois are subject to the personal-property tax, the lax administration of the law makes these taxes more of a theory than a fact. Probably more cars are omitted than are assessed, and those which are listed usually are valued at nominal amounts. No reasonably accurate figures as to this tax could be obtained without an unwarranted expenditure.

## BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

All units of Government in Illinois may bond. At the end of 1930 the total outstanding funded debt of the State and its subdivisions was $\$ 959,238,400$, and of this amount $\$ 424,722,300$, or 44.3 percent, was incurred for streets and highways. The remainder was distributed as follows: 8.6 percent for education, 43.5 percent for the protection of persons and property, and 3.6 percent for Government. In addition to the funded debt mentioned above, there were temporary borrowings outstanding of the city of Chicago of $\$ 259$,013,000 , which in all probablity will be eventually funded.

The State indebtedness stood at $\$ 200,462,000$, or a little over one fifth of the total public funded indebtedness, and of this sum $\$ 148,010,000$, or 73.8 percent, was incurred for the financing of highways. This is a selfliquidating debt now in the process of retirement, certain specific motor-vehicle receipts being set aside for this purpose.

It may be explained that the purpose in creating a State highway system was to construct as rapidly as possible a 10,000 -mile system of highly developed roads which would be planned to serve the transportation needs of the State and would be developed and maintained in an intelligent manner. The entire project was to be controlled by the State, and, with the exception of Federal-aid appropriations, financed by the State.

At the outset this system was financed through bond issues, the first issue being one of $\$ 60,000,000$ authorized in 1918, and a second of $\$ 100,000,000$ authorized in 1924. Of the total bond issues authorized of $\$ 160,000,000$, $\$ 158,000,000$ were sold. These bonds are now being retired. Forty-eight hundred miles of the State primary system were provided for by the first bond issue of $\$ 60,000,000$, and 5,000 miles additional by the $\$ 100,000,000$ program. The last of the bond-issue money, amounting to $\$ 2,047,000$, was expended in 1930 .

The county indebtedness was comparatively small, consisting of $\$ 49,990,000$ for Cook County, and $\$ 10,498,900$ for all of the other counties in the State, only 20 of the 102 counties having any bonded indebtedness whatever. Of this county indebtedness, the major portion is for the highway program.

Municipalities had a total indebtedness of $\$ 673,157$, 100 , by far the greater portion of this being in the form of special assessment bonds.

Townships had an indebtedness of $\$ 25,130,400$ which, outside of school-district obligations, was practically
entirely for township roads and was distributed widely throughout the State.

The total bonds outstanding on December 31, 1930 ( $\$ 959,238,400$ ) were 12.4 percent of the assessed valuation of the State, and the per capita indebtedness was $\$ 125.71$. The per capita cost of all debt service in 1930 was $\$ 15.42$.

## DEBT SERVICE

Debt service consists of the interest and principal payments on indebtedness. In Illinois in 1930 the total debt-service payments were $\$ 117,586,400$, of which $\$ 53,929,100$, or 45.9 percent, were for highways; $\$ 8,308,600$, or 7.1 percent, for education; $\$ 53,318,700$, or 45.3 percent, for public benefit; and $\$ 2,030,000$, or 1.7 percent, for government.

With the exception of State payments, as a general rule about two thirds of the debt service consisted of interest payments and the balance, principal. Details are shown in table 18 .

While per capita debt figures are given, in considering such figures caution should be observed. Wide variance in local conditions prevents a general average from having any great significance. It is possible that the debt presentation is not entirely complete. The major portion of the municipal indebtedness is in the form of special-assessment obligations, the records as to which are in extremely poor condition and difficult of access. The same condition is found with respect to the township obligations. Every reasonable effort has been used to obtain complete information as to indebtedness. It is believed that the percentage of the total which may have been omitted is extremely small.

## ILLINOIS EXPENDITURES IN 1930

The total expenditures for all purposes (exclusive of principal payments on bonds and loans) by all units of Government in Illinois in 1930 were $\$ 551,249,500$, of which $\$ 166,298,900$ was expended for highways and streets, $\$ 167,599,300$ for education, $\$ 188,307,900$ for public benefit, and $\$ 29$,043,400 for other governmental purposes.

Expenditures by the State were $\$ 91,079,500$; by the counties, $\$ 56,310,600$; by Chicago, $\$ 245,989,-$ 600 ; by other incorporated places, $\$ 120,479,200$; by the townships, $\$ 37,390,600$.

Of the total expenditures, 19.4 percent was made in rural areas (townships); 5.9 percent in incorporated places having a population up to 2,$500 ; 9.9$ percent in places of 2,500 to 15,000 population; 10.8 percent in places of 15,000 to 75,000 population; 1.8 percent in places of 75,000 to 400,000 population; and 52.2 percent in Chicago.

## GENERAL EXPENDITURES ANALYZED

The total of all public charges levied against persons and property in Illinois for collection in the year 1930 was $\$ 582,407,100$, or $\$ 76.32$ per capita. The total of all expenditures for the same year was $\$ 551,249,500$, of which amount $\$ 166,298,900$, or 30.1 percent, was expended for highways; $\$ 167,599,300$ or 30.4 percent, for education; $\$ 188,307,900$, or 34.2 percent, for public benefit and protection; and $\$ 29.043,400$, or 5.3 percent, for government.

These expenditures include $\$ 40,864,300$ in interest payments on funded indebtedness, as well as interest on the short-term borrowings of municipalities. The principal payments of $\$ 76,722,100$ are not included, as they represent repayments of funds charged as expenditures in previous years.

There can be no exact agreement between receipts and expenditures. In the first place the amounts shown as taxes are the amounts levied. Eventually, practically all of these sums undoubtedly will be collected. For any one particular calendar year, however, it is possible that comparatively large sums may remain

Table 18.-Payments for debt service in 1930

| Unit of government | Principal | Interest | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| State | \$4, 413.000 | \$8, 401, 300 | \$12, 814, 300 |
| Per capita | $0.58$ | $1.10$ | $1.68$ |
| Cook County | 56, 099,800 | $24,764,800$ | 80, 864, 600 |
| All other units | 14.09 $16,209,300$ | 7,698, ${ }^{6} \mathbf{2} 2200$ | 23, $\begin{array}{r}20.31 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Per capita. | 4.4.4 | , 2.11 | 23, 6.55 |
| Total | 76, 722, 100 | 40, 864, 300 | 117,586, 400 |
| Per capita. | 10.06 | 5.36 | 15.42 |

delinquent. Furthermore, tax levies and expenditures can never agree because of a difference in the time clement. Taxes are levied to meet anticipated expenditures and also to defray costs which have been incurred in the past and defrayed through revenues received from the sale of securities and other borrowings. Expenditures are made out of funds received from current taxes, from surpluses, from balances on hand, and from borrowings.
Where old indebtedness is being retired and comparatively few new obligations are incurred, taxes will normally exceed expenditures. Where current work is to a considerable extent financed through borrowings, then expenditures will exceed taxes.
Table 19 itemizes the actual expenditures by units of Government with a per capita distribution of expenditures for the four major governmental purposes.
The various governmental agencies of the State perform various functions of publicservice. The State assumes the support of the through State highway system. This item and public benefit are major items of State expenditures. The public benefits administered by the State are correctional and public health institutions for the treatment of persons from all parts of the State; relief of catastrophes, such as droughts, floods, and wars; and State regulatory and conservation bodies. The educational activities of the State

Table 19.-Total expenditures in 1930 by the State, the counties, and the local units of government; and per capita expenditures by purpose

| Expended by- | Amount | Percent | Per capita |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | High- <br> ways <br> and <br> streets | Education | Public benefit | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Gov- } \\ & \text { ern- } \\ & \text { ment } \end{aligned}$ | Total |
| State | \$91, 079, 500 | 16.5 | \$5. 30 | \$1.32 | \$4.80 | \$0.52 | \$11.94 |
| Counties | 56,310, 600 | 10.2 | 2.21 | . 02 | 3.79 | 1.36 | 7. 38 |
| Townships. | 37, 390, 600 | 6.8 | 6.65 | 19.29 | 1.03 | . 86 | 27.83 |
| Places up to 2,500 | 23, 404, 300 | 4.2 | 7.13 | 17.89 | 8.99 | 1. 93 | 35.94 |
| Places 2,500 to 15,000 | 42, 727, 400 | 7.8 | 9.16 | 21.35 | 12.75 | 1.73 | 44.99 |
| Places 15,000 to 75,000 | 46,701,000 | 8.5 | 8.02 | 20. 56 | 11.42 | 1.75 | 41.75 |
| Places 75,000 to 400,000 | 7, 646, 500 | 1.4 | 10.05 | 16. 03 | 13.09 | . 90 | 40. 07 |
| Chicago. | 245, 989, 600 | 44.6 | 22.47 | 21.75 | 26. 10 | 2. 53 | 72.85 |
| Total | 551, 249, 500 | 100.0 | 21.79 | 21.96 | 24.68 | 3.81 | 72. 24 |

Table 20.-Percentage relationships of expenditures by units of Government and by purpose

| Expended by- | Percentages of expenditures of the units of Government for the purposes indicated |  |  |  |  | Percentages of the total expenditure for each purpose made by each unit of Government |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { High- } \\ & \text { ways and } \\ & \text { streets } \end{aligned}$ | Education | Public benefit | Government | All purposes | $\begin{gathered} \text { High- } \\ \text { ways and } \\ \text { streets } \end{gathered}$ | Education | Public benefit | Government | All purposes |
| State | 44.4 | 11.1 | 40.2 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 24.3 | 6.0 | 19.5 | 13.6 | 16.5 |
| Counties. | 29.9 | . 3 | 51.4 | 18.4 | 100.0 | 10.1 | 1 | 15.4 | 35.7 | 10.2 |
| Townships. | 23.9 | 69.3 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 5. 4 | 15.5 | . 7 | 4. 0 | 6.8 |
| Places up to 2,500 | 19.8 | 49.8 | 25.0 | 5. 4 | 100.0 | 2.8 | 7.0 | 3.1 | 4. 3 | 4. 2 |
| Places 2,500 to 15,000 | 20.4 | 47.5 | 28.3 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 5. 2 | 12. 1 | 6. 4 | 5. 7 | 7.8 |
| Places 15,000 to 75,000 | 19.2 | 49.2 | 27.4 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 5. 4 | 13.7 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 8. 5 |
| Places 75,000 to 400,000 | 25.1 | 40.0 | 32.7 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.3 | . 6 | 1.4 |
| Chicago...-...........-- | 30.8 | 29.9 | 35.8 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 45.6 | 43.8 | 46.8 | 29.4 | 44.6 |
| Total | 30.1 | 30.4 | 34.2 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

are primarily the conduct of institutions of higher learning. Under the heading "Government" are included the primary executive and administrative charges of the various units.

A general distribution of expenditures under the four heads and by various units of government, expressed in percentages, is conveniently shown in table 20.

The distribution of expenditures according to the classes of local unit in which they were made is shown, in per capita form, in table 21.

Table 21.-Per capita expenditures by purpose and by classes of local unit in which the expenditures were made

| Expended in- | Streets and highways | Educa- tion | Public benefit | Government | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Townships. | $1 \$ 46.72$ | \$20. 25 | \$9. 53 | \$2. 70 | $1 \$ 79.20$ |
| Places up to 2,500 | 9. 66 | 19. 07 | 17. 57 | 3. 65 | 49.95 |
| Places 2,500 to 15,000 | 10. 43 | 22. 48 | 21.13 | 3. 58 | 57.62 |
| Places 15,000 to 75,000-- | 8.26 | 21. 70 | 19.82 | 3. 59 | 53. ${ }_{5} 10$ |
| Chicago------------- |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2. } 19 \\ & 4.57 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Total | 21. 79 | 21. 96 | 24.68 | 3.81 | 72. 24 |

1 These flgures differ slightly from corresponding values given in the report published by the State of Illinois. For explanation, see footnote 5.

TABLES SHOW RELATIONS BETWEEN VALUATION, TAXATION, EXPENDITURES, AND OTHER FACTORS

The study disclosed interesting relationships among the factors of taxation, expenditures, valuation, population, etc. The valuation, taxation, and expenditures per capita in 1930 are shown in table 22.

Table 22.-Per capita valuation taxation, and expenditures in 1930, in the various classes of local unit and in the State as a whole

| Unit of government | Valuation | Taxation | Expendi- <br> tures | Ratio of per <br> capita ex- <br> penditures <br> to per capi- <br> ta taxation |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Townships |  |  |  |  |

${ }^{1}$ These figures differ slightly from corresponding values given in the report published by the State of Illinois. For explanation, see footnote 5 .

The ratio of per capita expenditures to per capita taxation is a rather accurate index of the flow of State (including Federal) and county aids to the less populous areas, except as affected by abnormal borrowings.

For instance, in the townships per capita expenditures exceeded per capita taxation by $\$ 25.98$, or about 33 percent. Expenditures in municipalities, on the other hand, were less than taxes and this difference would be even greater (particularly in Chicago) if borrowings were also considered as a source of revenue. Table 22 indicates in general this shift in funds.

Table 23 gives percentage relationships between population, motor-vehicle ownership, valuation, taxes payable, and expenditures made in the several classes of local unit in 1930.

Table 23.-Percentage distribution of population, motor-vehicle ownership, property valuation, taxes paid, and expenditures made in the several classes of local unit in 1930

| Unit of government | Population | Motor- <br> vehicle <br> ownership | Valua- <br> tion | Taxes paid | Expenditures made |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent |
| Townships ------ | 17.6 | 13.4 | 26.0 | 12.3 | 19.4 |
| Places up to 2,500. | 8.5 | 16.8 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 5.9 |
| Places 2,500 to 15,000 | 12.4 | 17.0 | 8.8 | 11.2 | 9.9 |
| Places 15,000 to 75,000 | 14. 7 | 18.4 | 11.3 | 12.7 | 10.8 |
| Places 75,000 to 400,000 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 2. 2 | 2.1 | 1.8 |
| Chicago. | 44.3 | 31.1 | 45.7 | 55.2 | 52. 2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

## HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES DISCUSSED IN DETALL

There was expended on all highways and streets in Illinois in 1930 a total of $\$ 166,298,900$, which exceeded the total taxes imposed for highways by $\$ 16,032,200$. The total expenditures were divided as follows: On the State highway system, $\$ 40,421,100$, or 24.3 percent; on the county systems, $\$ 16,840,100$, or 10.1 percent; on the local roads, $\$ 8,937,500$, or 5.4 percent. Street expenditures by municipal authorities were as follows: On Chicago streets, $\$ 75,873,300$, or 45.6 percent of the State total; and on other streets, $\$ 24,226,900$, or 14.6 percent.
The sum of $\$ 3,155,000$ was spent by the Division of Highways on parts of the State trunk system lying within the limits of incorporated places; of this amount $\$ 22,500$ was spent in Chicago. In addition, Cook County expended $\$ 265,400$ on streets in Chicago which form a part of the county trunk system. ${ }^{5}$
Adding these amounts to the amounts expended by the municipalities themselves, we find that the total spent on urban streets was $\$ 103,520,600$; the total expenditures on rural roads being $\$ 62,778,300$.

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AVERAGE TAX RATES ON GENERAL PROPERTY IN THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF LOCAL UNIT AND THE STATE AS A WHOLE, AND RATES REQUIREO IF ALL TAXES WERE LEVIED ON GENERAL PROPERTY (TABLE 6)


PER CAPITA TAXES AND PER CAPITA EXPENOITURES IN THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF LOCAL UNIT AND THE STATE AS A WHOLE (TABLE 22)


PER CAPITA EXPENDITURES BY PURPOSE IN THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF LOCAL UNIT AND THE STATE AS A WHOLE (TABLE 21)


COMPARISON BETWEEN THE CONTRIBUTIONS BY MOTOR VEHICLES DOMICILED IN THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF LOCAL UNIT TO THE TOTAL TRAVEL OF ILLINOIS VEHICLES, AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS BY TAXPAYERS IN THESE SAME UNITS TO CUR RENT TAXES EXPENDED ON ROADS AND STREETS
(TABLES 14 AND 27)


TOTAL MILEAGE OF RURAL. HIGHWAY SYSTEMS AND SURFACEO MILEAGE BY TYPES (TABLE I)


TOTAL EXPENDITURES ON HIGHWAY SYSTEMS ANO URBAN STREETS SHOWING SOURGES OF FUNDS
(TABLE 27)


AVERAGE REGISTRATION FEES AND GASOLINE TAX PAYMENTS BY MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS IN THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF LOCAL UNIT ANO IN THE STATE AS A WHOLE (TABLE 15)


PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTIONS BY RESIDENTS OF THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF LOCAL UNIT TO CURRENT TAXES EXPENDED ON ROADS AND STREETS
(BASED ON TABLE 27)

Graphical Summary of Essential Facts Disclosed by Survey of Illinois Finances in 1930

All expenditures on the State highway systems were made under the supervision of the Division of Highways, and the total of these expenditures was $\$ 40,421,-$ 100. A survey ${ }^{6}$ conducted by the State of Illinois indicates that the total annual traffic is in the neighborhood of $3,419,000,000$ vehicle-miles. The expenditures on the State system were, therefore, approximately 1.18 cents per vehicle-mile.

The total expenditures for construction and maintenance on the State system were $\$ 31,954,300$. The remaining expenditures, representing general undistributed overhead of the highway department and the interest on State highway bonds, totaled $\$ 8,466$,800. Table 24 gives the distribution of construction and maintenance expenditures among the subdivisions of the State system

Table 25 gives the amounts expended for streets and highways in the several classes of local unit. Of the $\$ 62,778,300$ expended in the townships (i.e., on rural roads), $\$ 37$,266,100 was expended by the Division of Highways on the State system; $\$ 16,-$ 574,700 by the counties on the county trunk system; and $\$ 8,937,500$ by the local authorities on the local (township) roads
EXPENDITURES AND TAXES FOR STREETS AND HIGH-
WAYS COMPARED
Table 25 also gives, for purposes of comparison, the street and highway taxes paid (or payable) by taxpayers and motorvehicle owners in the several classes of local unit. These figures were previously given in table 8. The last column of table 25 gives the ratio of expenditures to taxes.

There was spent upon the rural highway system, $\$ 62,778,300$. The rural units of government contributed in all forms of highway taxes, $\$ 16,996,900$. In other words, the highway expenditures in the townships were 369 percent of the revenues derived from these units of government. This shows a decided flow of revenues from the villages and cities toward the rural areas. The conclusion should not be hastily drawn that this represents an unfair subsidizing of the rural districts at the expense of the urban communities. It is well known that a large portion of the traveling

[^3]done by urban vehicles is in the rural areas, particularly on the State highways. Furthermore, the transportation facilities provided by good rural roads have decided influences upon urban commercial enterprises. The benefits received by the cities as a result of rural highway development tend to counterbalance the flow of revenues.

As a general rule, the less dense the population of the county, the greater its percentage of gain in the comparison of expenditures with taxation. While the townships in each county invariably received more in expenditures than they paid in taxes, the reverse was true

## RELATIONS BETWEEN HIGHWAY TAXES PAID, HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES, AND TRAVEL

The total mileage of rural highways in Illinois in 1930 was 97,234 . The State highway system consisted of 10,098 miles, divided into 6,976 miles of Federal-aid highways and 3,122 miles of other State trunk highways. The county highway system contained 17,369 miles, and the local township roads, 69,767 miles. No data are available on mileage of village and city streets.

The total volume of traffic (exclusive of out-ofState vehicles) on all roads and streets in Illinois during the year 1930 was approximately 14 billion vehicle-miles, of which 10.5 percent was produced by vehicles of rural ownership; 17.2 percent by vehicles owned in incorporated places having a population up to 2,$500 ; 18.3$ per cent by vehicles owned in places of 2,500 to 15,000 population; 19.5 percent by vehicles owned in places of 15,000 to 75,000 population; 3.4 percent by vehicles owned in places of 75,000 to 400,000 population; and 31.1 percent by vehicles owned in Chicago.

Expenditures on the State highway system in 1930 were $\$ 40,421,100$; on the county systems, $\$ 16,840,100$; on the local (township) roads, $\$ 8,937$ 500 ; on Chicago streets, $\$ 75,873,300$; and on other streets, $\$ 24,226,900$.

Of the total property taxes expended on all roads and streets, 10.9 percent was expended on county trunk highways; 13.8 percent on the local (township) roads; and 75.3 percent on urban streets.

Of the total motor vehicle taxes expended on all roads and streets, 72.8 percent was expended on State trunk highways; 11.5 percent on county trunk highways, and 15.7 percent on urban streets.

Of the total of all taxes and imposts expended on all roads and streets, rural property and motor vehicle owners paid 12.8 percent, and travel by rural vehicles made up 10.5 percent of the total travel on all roads and streets; city and village property and motor vehicle owners paid 87.2 percent, and travel by city and village vehicles made up 89.5 percent of the total travel. for practically every group of incorporated places.

To avoid incorrect conclusions, such facts must also be carefully examined. For example, in the case of Chicago, it can be seen that the city paid $\$ 70,913,600$ in highway taxes and that the expenditures were $\$ 76,161,200$. It would seem, therefore, that the city of Chicago received more than it paid. but such is far from the case. During the year, Chicago incurred temporary and long-term indebtedness for highway purposes of $\$ 41,491,000$. Actually, Chicago contributed about $\$ 18,995,400$ to the State and county highway programs and there was expended by these agencies within the city the total amount of $\$ 287,900$.

It is also incorrect to assume that because Chicago contributed this $\$ 18,995,400$ to the State and county and received but $\$ 287,900$ in the form of expenditures, the difference necessarily will be spent in other communities. Various State and county highway funds are created from the highway receipts. It is easily possible that a community may in one year make a contribution to a fund and in the next year receive a benefit from that fund in the form of an expenditure. This is especially true of payments made in the later months of the calendar year.

In considering revenues as compared with expenditures, it is also important to remember that there is a natural lag between the revenues and the expenditures.

## SOURCES OF REVENUES FROM WHICH FUNDS WERE DERIVEC FR

 1930 HIGHWAY EXPENDITURESThe first classification of the source of funds is by the governmental agency whose act made the funds available. These funds so classified are presented in table 26.

Table 24.-Expenditures for construction and maintenance on the State highway system in 1930

| Highway system | Construction expenditures |  | Maintenance expenditures |  | Total |  | Per-centage of total con-struction and mainnabce |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Amount | Percent | Amount | Percent | A mount | Percent |  |
| Federal-aid (primary) ... <br> Federal-aid (secondary) <br> Other State highways.. | $\begin{gathered} \$ 6,275,000 \\ 12,913,300 \\ 9,428,700 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 80.9 \\ & 91.1 \\ & 94.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 1,47 \times, 200 \\ 1,261, ~ 400 \\ 597,700 \end{gathered}$ | 19.1 8.9 6.0 | $\left\|\begin{array}{l} \nleftarrow 7,753,200 \\ 1,-17,700 \\ 10,026,400 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100.0 \\ & 100.0 \\ & 100.0 \end{aligned}$ | 24.3 44.3 31.4 |
| Total | 28, 617,000 | 89.6 | 3,337, 300 | 10.4 | 31, 954, 300 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Table 25.-Street and highway expenditures made in the several classes of local unit in 1930, and comparison of expenditures with charges imposed for streets and highways upon laxpayers and motor-vehicle owners in these classes of unit

| Class of local unit | Street and highway expenditures |  | Street and highway taxes ${ }^{1}$ | Ratio of expenditures to taxes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Amount | Percent |  |  |
| Townships-- | \$62, 778, 300 | 37.7 | \$16, 996, 900 | 3. 699 |
| Places up to 2,500 | 6, 294, 400 | 3.8 | 15, 059, 300 | . 42 |
| Places 2,500 to 15,000. | 9, 907, 200 | 6.0 | 21, 479,300 | . 46 |
| Places 15,000 to 75.000 | 9, 237, 300 | 5. 5 | 22, 114,800 | . 42 |
| Places 75,000 to 400,000 | 1,920, 500 | 1. 2 | 3, 702, 800 | . 52 |
| Chieago. | 76. 161, 200 | 45.8 | 70,913, 600 | 1. 07 |
| Total | \$166, 298,900 | 100.0 | \$150, 266, 700 | 1.11 |

Table 26.-Funds expended on the several highway systems and the urban streets in 1930 , and the upproximate amounts and percentages of these funds provided by imposts made by the various governmental units, and by loan and reserve funds

| Highway system and form of revenue | Govermmental agency providing funds |  |  |  | Total | Percentage of total current tax funds | Percentage of total funds |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Federal government | State | Counties | Local governments |  |  |  |
| State trunk highways: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loans or reserves. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current taxes. | \$4, 089, 900 | \$21, 592, 000 |  |  | \$25, 681, 900 | 22.8 |  |
| Total. | \$4, 089, 900 | \$23, 639, 000 |  |  | \$27, 728,900 |  | 16.7 |
| Percent | 14.7 | 85.3 |  |  | 100.0 |  |  |
| State bond-issue system: Loans or reserves. |  | \$1.097, 400 |  |  | \$1, 097, 400 |  |  |
| Current taxes.... |  | \$11, 594,800 |  |  | \$11,594,800 | 10.3 |  |
| Total------- |  | \$12, 692, 200 |  |  | \$12, 692, 200 |  | 7.6 |
| Percent |  | 100.0 |  |  | 100.0 |  |  |
| Entire State system: Loans or reserves. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loans or reserves. Current taxes. |  | \$3, 144, 400 |  |  | \$3, 144, 400 |  |  |
| Total....... | \$4, 089, 900 | \$33, 331,200 |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 37,276,700 \\ \$ 40,421,100 \end{array}$ | 33.1 | 24.3 |
| Percent.........-.-. | 10.1 | 89.9 |  |  | 100.0 |  |  |
| County highways (State-aid): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loans or reserves. |  | \$1, 267,900 | \$3, 451, 900 |  | \$4,719,800 |  |  |
| Current taxes. |  | \$5, 256, 500 | \$66, 863, 800 |  | \$12, 120, 300 | 10.8 |  |
| Total.-.-. |  | \$6, 524, 400 | \$10, 315, 700 |  | \$16,840, 100 |  | 10.1 |
| Percent Local rural (township) roads: |  | 38.7 | 61.3 |  | 100.0 |  |  |
| Local rural (township) roads: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current taxes.-.- |  |  |  | \$8,672, 500 | \$8, 672, 500 | 7.7 |  |
| Total.- |  |  |  | \$8, 937, 500 | \$8, 937, 500 |  | 5.4 |
| Percent.-...-.-.-.-.-....-. |  |  |  | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |  |
| Urban streets outside Chicago: 1 \|loll |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loans or reserves. Current taxes |  |  |  | $\$ 6,369,500$ $\$ 17,857,400$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 6,369,500 \\ \$ 17,857,400 \end{array}$ | 15.8 |  |
| Total |  |  |  | \$24, 226, 900 | \$24, 226, 900 |  | 14.6 |
| Percent. |  |  |  | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loans or reserves. |  |  |  | \$39, 104, 500 | \$39, 104, 500 |  |  |
| Current taxes. |  |  | --- | \$36, 768, 800 | \$36, 768, 800 | 32.6 |  |
| Percent. |  |  |  | Pras 100.0 | \$r., 100.0 |  | 40.6 |
| All roads and streets: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loans or reserves. |  | \$4, 412, 300 | \$3, 451, 900 | \$45, 739, 000 | \$53, 603, 200 |  |  |
| Current taxes | \$4, 089,900 | \$38, 443, 300 | \$6, 863, 800 | \$63, 298, 700 | \$112, 695, 700 | 100.0 |  |
| Total. | \$4, 089, 900 | \$ $42,855,600$ | \$10, 315, 700 | \$109, 037, 700 | \$166 298,900 |  | 100.0 |
| Percent. | 2.5 | 25.8 | 6.2 | 65.6 | 100.0 |  |  |

Does not include expenditures by Division of Highways on streets which are part of the State trunk system.
${ }_{2}$ Does not include expenditures by Division of Highways and Cook County on streets which are parts of the State and county systems.

It will be seen from the table that of all the revenues, the Federal Government provided 2.5 percent and the State 25.8 percent. The State highway system, consisting of the Federal-aid highways and the State-bond-issue system, is supported jointly by funds provided by the United States and the State. The county highway system is a joint enterprise between the State and the counties, about two thirds of the funds being provided through the acts of county authorities. The funds for rural roads and the city streets, except for those included as part of the other highway systems, are all provided through acts of the local officials.

Of the total expenditures for highways and streets, $\$ 4,089,900$ was Federal-aid money, $\$ 53,603,200$ was derived from loans and reserves, and $\$ 108,605,800$ was spent out of current receipts from property taxation and motor-vehicle imposts. Table 27 gives the breakdown of this latter sum into payments by taxpayers and motor-vehicle owners in the several classes of local unit; and thus shows the contributions by each of these classes to the expenditures in 1930 on the several highway systems and the local streets. The Federal-aid money is naturally not subject to such an analysis; and the loans and reserves do not represent taxes paid in

Table 27.- Approximate amounts of the 1930 taxes and imposts expended on the current highway program, listed according to highway system, type of tax, and class of local unit in which the tax was paid

IMPOSTS ON GENERAL PROPERTY

| Paid by tavpayers in- | Highway system |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | State trunk |  | County trunk |  | Township local |  | Urban streets |  | All highways and streets |  |  |
|  | Amount | Percent | Amount | Percent | Amount | Percent | Amount | Percent | An ount | Percent | Percentage of total |
| Townships |  |  | \$3,051, 700 | 30.9 | \$6, 831, 700 | 69.1 |  |  | \$9, 883, 400 | 100.0 | 15. 7 |
| Places up to 2,500 |  |  | -383,900 | 7. 1 | 739,700 | 13.8 |  | 79.1 | 5, 381, 400 | 100.0 | 8.5 |
| Places 2,500 to 15.000 |  |  | 710,700 | 11.0 | 833, 000 | 12.9 | 4,922,000 | 76.1 | 6, 465,700 | 100.0 | 10.3 |
| Places 15.000 to 75.000 |  |  | 578, 000 | 8.6 | 268, 100 | 4.0 | 5, 872, 300 | 87.4 | 6, 718,400 | 100.0 | 10.7 |
| Places 75,000 to 400.000 |  |  | 132, 200 | 10.0 |  |  | 1.195, 860 | 90.0 | 1, 328,000 | 100.0 | 2. 1 |
| Chicago................. |  |  | 2, 007, 300 | 6.0 |  |  | 31. 203, 800 | 94.0 | $33.211,100$ | 100.0 | 52.7 |
| Total |  |  | 6. 863,800 | 10.9 | 8,672,500 | 13.9 | 47.451. 700 | 75.3 | 62, 398, 0100 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

IMPOSTS ON MOTOR VEHICLES

| Townships. | \$3, 571, 200 | 88.1 | \$167, 800 | 11.6 |  |  |  |  | \$4, 039, 000 | 100.0 | 8. 9 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Places up to 2,500 | 5, 071, 400 | 85.2 | 814, 700 | 13. 7 |  |  | \$68, 700 | 1. 1 | 5, 954, 800 | 100.0 | 13.1 |
| Places 2,500 to 15,000 | 5, 565, 900 | 78.5 | 898, 900 | 12.7 |  |  | 621, 400 | 8.8 | 7, 086, 200 | 100.0 | 15. 5 |
| Places 15,000 to 75,000 | 6, 468, 200 | 78.7 | 1,030,300 | 12.5 |  |  | 726, 800 | 8.8 | 8, 225, 300 | 100.0 | 18.0 |
| Places 75,000 to 400,000 | 1, 228, 000 | 76.0 | 194, 500 | 12.1 |  |  | 392, 600 | 11.9 | 1,615, 100 | 100.0 | 3.5 |
| Chicago Total. | 11, 232, 100 | 60.3 | 1, 850, 300 | 9.9 |  |  | 5, 565, 000 | 29.8 | 18,697, 400 | 100.0 | 41.0 |
|  | $33,186,800$ | 72.8 | 5, 256, 500 | 11.5 |  |  | 7,174,500 | 15.7 | 45, 617, 800 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| ALL IMPOSTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Townships | \$3, 571, 200 | 25.6 | \$3, 519, 500 | 25.3 | \$6, 831, 700 | 49.1 |  |  | \$13, 922, 400 | 100.0 | 12.8 |
| Places up to 2,500. | 5, 071, 400 | 44.7 | 1,198,600 | 10.6 | 739, 700 | 6.5 | \$4, 326, 500 | 38.2 | 11, 336, 200 | 100.0 | 104 |
| Places 2,500 to 15,000 | 5, 565,900 | 41.1 | 1, 609, 600 | 11.9 | 833, 000 | 6.1 | 5. 543, 400 | 40.9 | 13, 551, 900 | 100.0 | 12.5 |
| Places 15,000 to 75,000 | 6, 468, 200 | 43.3 | 1, 6i08, 300 | 10.8 | 268, 100 | 1.8 | fi, 599, 100 | 44.1 | 14, 943, 700 | 100.0 | 13.8 |
| Places 75,000 to 400,000 | 1, 228,000 | 41.7 | 3 326,700 | 11.1 |  |  | 1,388,400 | 47.2 | 2, 943, 100 | 100.0 | 2. 7 |
| Chicago.......- | 11, 282, 100 | 21.8 | 3. 857,600 | 7.4 |  |  | 36, 768, 800 | 70.8 | 51,908, 500 | 100.0 | 47.8 |
| Total Federal aid | $33,186,800$ $4.089,900$ | 30.5 | 12, 120,300 | 11.2 | 8,672,500 | 8.0 | 54, 626, 200 | 50.3 | 108, 605, 800 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Loans and reserves | $13,144,400$ | 5.9 | $24,719,800$ | 8.8 | 265, 000 | . 5 | ${ }^{3} 45,474,000$ | 84.8 | 53, 603, 200 | 100.0 |  |
| Grand total. | 40, 421,100 | 24.3 | 16, 840, 100 | 10.1 | 8,937,500 | 5.4 | 100, 100, 200 | 60.2 | 166, 298, 900 | 100.0 |  |

[^4]1930. However, information is given in the footnotes of table 27 regarding the provisions for retirement of the loans.

The data given in this table should not be confused with the information regarding street and highway tax levies given in the earlier part of this report, and in the report published by the State of Illinois. Tables 7 and 8 , for example, give the total amounts levied for street and highway purposes in 1930. The funds so derived were expended in paying 1930 highway costs, in the retirement of indebtedness, and in the establishment of reserves for future work. Table 27 is concerned only with the amount spent on the current program in 1930. Thus it is shown in table 8 that the townships contributed 11.3 percent of the total street and highway levies in 1930; while table 27 shows that the townships contributed 12.8 percent of the current taxes expended in 1930 on streets and highways.

Property taxes expended for street and highway purposes approximated $\$ 63,000,000 ; 75$ percent of this amount was spent on urban streets. Motor-vehicle taxes were expended to the amount of more than $\$ 45,000,000$, of which approximately 73 percent was spent on State highways. Expenditures from loans and reserves exceeded $\$ 53,000,000$, with approximately 85 percent of this sum devoted to city and village streets.

It should be noted that the imposts on general property set forth in table 27 include special assessments
levied for highway and street construction, almost all of such assessments being in incorporated areas.

## STUDY OF SURVEY DATA SHOWS RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN TAXES, TRAVEL, AND EXPENDITURES

The information given in table 27 , when studied with reference to other data given in this report, makes it possible to arrive at definite conclusions regarding the relations existing in Illinois in 1930, between the following factors:

1. Taxes paid for highways by taxpayers in the several classes of local government unit;
2. The funds expended on the several highways systems and the local streets:
3. The relative contributions by motor-vehicle owners in the several classes of local unit to the total travel of Illinois vehicles in the State.

## CONCLUSIONS

1. No funds raised from taxes on property are expended on State highways.
2. Rural property pays no tax for urban streets.
3. Of the total tax on rural property expended for highway purposes:
(a) 30.9 percent was expended on county trunk highways;
(b) 69.1 percent was expended on local township roads.

Table 28.-Comparison of taxation and expenditures in Illinois in 1980

| \$1,000 in taxes |  |  | $\$ 1.000$ in expenditures |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Residents of - | Pay- | In- | Division by purpose | Subdivision hy highway system | Source of expenditures | Amount | Percent |
| Townships ....... | \$96. 86 |  |  |  | Taxes paid in- |  |  |
| Place up to 2,500 | 36.51 72.03 | General property tax | Education, \$304.03. | tate his | ¢ Townships. | $\$ 6.45$ 53.73 | 8. 83 |
| Places 15,000 to 75,000 | 85. 33 | es, \$733.11. |  |  | Federal aid.....- | 7. 42 | 10. 12 |
| Places 75,000 to 400,000 | 14. 06 |  |  |  | Loans and reserves. | 5. 70 | 7.78 |
| Chicago----. - | 425.92 |  |  |  | (Taxes paid in- |  |  |
| Townships....... | 8. 29 |  |  | County trunk high- | Townships_........ | 6. 39 | 20. 90 |
| Places up to 2,500 Places 2,500 to 15,000 | 12. 46 |  |  | ways, $\$ 30.55$. | Incorporated places | 15. 60 | 51.07 |
| Places 2,500 to 15,000 Places 15,000 to 75,000 | 14. 67 | Motor rehicle taxes, | Highways, \$301.68....- |  | Loans and reserves.. | 8. 56 | 28.03 |
| Places 15,000 to 75,000 Places 75,000 to 400,000 | 17.00 3.28 | \$92.97. |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Taxes paid in- } \\ \text { Townships. } \end{array}$ | 12. 39 | 76. 44 |
| Chicago...--.-.-........ | 37.27 |  | Public benefit, \$341.60. | Township roads, \$16.21 | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Incorporated places } \\ \text { Loans and reserves }\end{array}\right.$ | 12. 3. 34 48 | $\begin{array}{r} 20.60 \\ \text { 2. } 96 \end{array}$ |
| Townships | 17. 65 |  |  |  | Loans and reserves ..... | . 48 |  |
| Places up to 2,500... | 16. 30 |  |  |  | (Taxes paid in- |  |  |
| Places 2,500 to 15,000 | 25.90 | Miscellaneous taves, | Government, \$52.69. | Urban streets, \$181.59. | Townshins |  |  |
| Places 15,000 to 75,000 | 24. 29 3.38 | $\$ 173.32 .$ |  | Crban streets, \$181.59, | Incorporated places | 99.10 | 54.57 45.43 |
| Places 75,000 to 400,000 Chicago | 85. 80 |  |  |  | (1,oans and reserves.- | 82. 49 | 45. 43 |

4. Of the total tax on urban property expended for street and highway purposes:
(a) 7.2 percent was expended on county trunk highways;
(b) 3.5 percent was expended on local township roads;
(c) 89.3 percent was expended on urban streets.
5. Since, of the total assessed property valuation of approximately $\$ 7,719,000,000,26$ percent, or approximately $\$ 2,007,000,000$ was rural, and 74 percent, or $\$ 5,712,000,000$, was urban:
(a) Expenditures from property taxes for all highways and streets were at the following rates per $\$ 100$ of assessed valuation:

Rural--49.2 cents;
Urban- 93.0 cents.
(b) Expenditures from property taxes for county trunk highways were at the following rates:

Rural- 15.2 cents per $\$ 100$;
Urban- 6.7 cents per $\$ 100$.
(c) Expenditures from property taxes for local township roads were at the following rates:

Rural- 34 cents per $\$ 100$;
Urban- -3.2 cents per $\$ 100$.
(d) Expenditures from property taxes for urban streets were at the following rates:

Rural-No tax;
Urban- 83.1 cents per $\$ 100$.
6. Of the total property taxes expended on all roads:
(a) 10.9 percent was expended on county trunk highways;
(b) 13.8 percent was expended on local township roads;
(c) 75.3 percent was expended on urban streets.
7. Of the total motor vehicle imposts expended on all classes of roads and streets:
(a) Rural motor vehicle owners (residents of townships) paid 8.9 percent, and travel by these same rural owners made up 10.5 percent of the total travel on all classes of roads and streets;
(b) Urban motor vehicle owners paid 91.1 percent, and made up 89.5 percent of the total travel.
8. Of the total motor vehicle imposts expended on all classes of roads and streets:
(a) 72.8 percent was expended on State trunk highways, including portions within urban areas;
(b) 11.5 percent was expended on county trunk highways;
(c) 15.7 percent was expended on urban streets.
9. Of all imposts and taxes expended on all roads and streets:
(a) 30.5 percent was expended on State trunk highways;
(b) 11.2 percent was expended on county trunk highways;
(c) 8.0 percent was expended on local township roads;
(d) 50.3 percent was expended on urban streets.
10. Of all imposts and taxes expended on all roads and streets:
(a) Rural property and motor-vehicle owners paid 12.8 percent, and travel by rural vehicles made up 10.5 percent of the total travel on all classes of roads and streets;
(b) City and village property and motorvehicle owners paid 87.2 percent, and travel by urban vehicles made up 89.5 percent of the total travel.

## FINAL COMPARISON OF TAXES AND EXPENDITURES

As a means of summarizing the general taxations and expenditures in Illinois in 1930, table 28 has been

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|  |  |  <br>  <br>  | $\begin{aligned} & \bar{\sim} \\ & x_{0}^{\prime} \\ & x \\ & \underset{\sim}{-} \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 8 \\ & \infty \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & \infty \\ & \infty \\ & 0 \end{aligned}\right.$ |
|  |  |  <br>  <br>  | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \\ & 8 \\ & \infty \\ & \underset{\sim}{2} \\ & \underset{\sim}{\circ} \end{aligned}$ |
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MOTOR-VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, 1932
[Compiled for calendar or registration year from reports of State authorities]

| State | 1932 reyistered motor vehicles individually and commercially owned ? |  |  | Other registered vehicles |  | Tax-exempt official motor vehicles and motorcycles ${ }^{3}$ |  |  | Number of licensesor permits |  | $\begin{gathered} 1931 \text { grand } \\ \text { total regis. } \\ \text { tered rootor } \\ \text { cars and } \\ \text { trucks } \end{gathered}$ | Year's change in motor-vehicle registration; increase or decrease $(-)$ |  |  |  | State |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Grand total registered motor cars and trucks | $\begin{gathered} \text { Passenger } \\ \text { automor } \\ \text { bile, } \\ \text { and busies, } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Motor } \\ & \text { trucks } \\ & \text { and road } \\ & \text { tractors } \end{aligned}$ | Trailers | Motor cycles | $\begin{aligned} & \text { United } \\ & \text { States } \\ & \text { cars } \end{aligned}$ | State and cars | $\begin{gathered} \text { Motor- } \\ \text { cycles } \\ \text { (official) } \end{gathered}$ | Dealers | Operatorsandchautfeurs |  | Motor vehicles |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pas- } \\ & \text { Senger } \\ & \text { cars, } \\ & \text { per- } \\ & \text { cent } \end{aligned}$ | Motortrucks, trercent |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per- } \\ & \text { cent } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| Alabama | 226, 471 | 194, 237 | 32, 234 | 3,948 | ${ }_{6}^{604}$ | 403 | 916 |  | 2, 239 | 2, 558 | 246, 465 | -19,994 | -8.1 | -8. 6 | -5.1 | Alabama. |
| Arizona | $\begin{array}{r}\text { 94, } 947 \\ 1365 \\ \hline 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 80,099 \\ 112,587 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 14,848 \\ & 23,916 \end{aligned}$ | li, $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1,765 } \\ & 3,118\end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r}303 \\ 188 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | ${ }_{297}^{672}$ | 1, 340 |  | ${ }_{275}^{136}$ | 12, 244 | 105,572 180, 731 | $\begin{aligned} & -10,625 \\ & -44,228 \end{aligned}$ | $\left[\begin{array}{l} -10.1 \\ -24.5 \end{array}\right.$ | -13.8 | 17.5 -23.5 | Arizona. Arkansas. |
| California | 1,971,616 | 1,738, 385 | 233, 231 | 61,870 | 8, 338 | 2,502 | 17,514 | 1,034 | 3, 226 |  | 2, 043,281 | -71, 665 | -3.5 | -3.3 | -4.9 | California. |
| Colorado | 285, 860 | ${ }_{285}^{255,854}$ | ${ }^{30,006}$ |  | 805 | ${ }_{733}^{521}$ |  | ${ }_{257}$ | - ${ }_{\text {2, } 653}$ | ${ }^{345,311}$ | 308,458 $-354,821$ | -22,598 | -7.3 | -7.4 | -6.5 | Colorato. |
| Comeectic | 343,007 <br> 52,851 | 289,660 43,441 | $\begin{array}{r}53,347 \\ 79 \\ 7 \\ \hline 140 \\ \hline 10\end{array}$ | 1,384 | 2,060 | 733 149 | $\begin{aligned} & 2,809 \\ & 544 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{93}^{257}$ | 2,607 | 411,485 69,006 | - ${ }^{6} 354,821$ | -11, -214 $-2,351$ | -3.3 -4.3 | -4.3 -3.9 | 2.1 5.8 | Connecticut. Delaware. |
| Florida | 286, 091 | 248, 517 | 37, 574 | 7, 522 | 850 | 596 | 2,987 | 96 | 2,539 | 1,132 | 323, 260 | -37, 169 | -11.5 | -8.5 | -27.4 | Florida. |
| Georgia | 287, 716 | 245, 666 | 42, 050 | 4, 021 | 977 | 698 |  |  | 1,971 | 3,783 | 320, 840 | -33, 124 | -10.3 | -10.5 | -9.1 | Georgia. |
| ${ }_{\text {Idaho }}$ | 95, 325 | 81,993 | 13, 332 | 9,924 | 291 | 263 | 1,186 | 15 | 282 |  | 111, 663 | -16,338 | -14.6 | -14.8 | -13.6 | Idaho. |
| Indiana | 1, 7996,898 | 1, 6755,108 | 181,710 | -8,950 | 2, 529 | - 588 |  |  | 2, 423 | 112, 496 | 1, 862,672 | ${ }_{-119,272}$ | -7.4 | -7.9 | $-6.3$ | Illinois. |
|  | 680, 330 | 606,523 | 73, 807 | 2,833 | 1,605 | 424 | 4,230 | ${ }^{64}$ | 1,891 | 154, 110 | 748, 438 | -68, 108 | -9.1 | -9.5 | -5.9 | Iowa. |
| Kansas | 504, 367 | 432,610 <br> 260 <br> 259 | + $\begin{array}{r}\text { 7 } 71,757 \\ 32306\end{array}$ | ${ }_{\text {2, }}^{3}$ | ${ }_{774}$ | ${ }_{466}$ | 3,172 2,600 | 120 | 1,511 | 50, 486 |  | $-54,809$ $-34,061$ | -9.8 | -9.6 | -10.8 | ${ }_{\text {Kansas. }}^{\text {Kentucky. }}$ |
| Louisiana | 242,748 | 198, 787 | 43, 961 | 6,624 | 773 | 450 |  |  | 325 | 19,856 | 263, 050 | -20, 302 | -7.7 | -7.7 | -8.0 | Louisiana. |
| Maine | 171, 757 | ${ }^{136,774}$ | 34, 983 | 4, 195 | ${ }_{1}^{978}$ | 229 | 1,791 |  | 1,159 | 287, 883 | 188, 338 | -16,481 | -8.8 | -8. 5 | -9.8 | Maine. |
| Maryland | 321, 242 | ${ }^{2866,583}$ | 34, 659 | 1,327 | ${ }^{1,553}$ | 1,018 |  | 1,553 500 | -5, 845 <br> 3,454 | 74,042 $1,014,635$ | - 325,372 | $-4,130$ $-3,281$ | -1.3 | -1.0 | -3.9 | Maryland. |
| Michigan | 1, 134, 808 | 1,000, 169 | 134, 639 | 77,437 | 2, 2,996 | ${ }^{1} 866$ | 4,00 |  | 1,553 |  | 1, 230, 980 | -96, 172 | -7.8 | $-7.2$ | -11.8 | Michigan. |
| Minnesota | 683, 397 | 581, 905 | 101,492 | 21, 839 | 1,697 | 644 | 1,451 |  | 1,141 | 45, 104 | 720, 401 | -37,004 | -5.1 | -4. | $-6.4$ | Minnesota. |
| Mississippi | 149, 095 | 120,180 618,195 | ${ }_{7}^{728,915}$ | 2, $\begin{array}{r}\text { 294 } \\ 10,008\end{array}$ | 1,545 | ${ }_{842}^{262}$ |  |  | 2, 1733 |  | 183, 650 | -34, 555 | -18.8 | $-21.4$ |  | Mississippi. |
| Montana | 109, 129 | 88, 647 | ${ }^{7} 20,482$ | 61 | , 199 | 631 | 1,410 | 5 | , 463 | , 335 | 127, 166 | -18,037 | -14.2 | -14.0 | -14.8 | Montana. |
| Nebraska | 375, 716 | 322, 347 | 53, 369 | 13, 531 | 834 | 278 | 1,651 |  | 2, 268 |  | 416, 131 | -40, 415 | $-9.7$ | $-9.5$ | $-10.8$ | Nebraska. |
| New Hampshir | 106, 431 | 88, 141 | 18,290 | 1,448 | 1,000 | 231 | 397 |  | 503 | 129, 229 | 111, 510 | -5,079 | -4.6 | -5.1 | - 3.0 | New Hampshire. |
| New Jersey | 857, 850 | 726, 201 | 131,649 | 2, 863 | 5, 238 | 872 |  |  | 2,716 | 1,049,387 | 869, 867 | -12,017 | $-1.4$ | -1.4 | -1.3 | New Jersey. |
| New Mexic | 76.76 | 61,720 | ${ }^{15,047}$ |  | 233 | ${ }_{4}^{410}$ | 1,050 |  |  |  | 81, 325 | -4, 558 | -5. | -5.7 |  | New Mexic. |
| North Carolina | 2, 375,695 | 1, 328,500 | - 410,195 | 7,774 | 11,238 1,140 230 | ${ }^{3} 563$ | 8,929 | 1,162 | 3,842 | 3, 145,149 | 2, 4288,737 | -55, | -12.4 | -12.2 | - -13.5 | North Carolina. |
| North Dakota | 153, 570 | 1,130,660 | 22,910 |  | 230 | 181 |  |  | 394 |  | 171,293 | -17,723 | -10.3 | -9.7 | -13.8 | North Dakota. |
| Ohio | 1, 589, 524 | 1, 420, 550 | 168,974 | 45,588 | 6, 783 | 1,664 | 12, 622 | 389 | 3, 220 | 22, 129 | 1,710,625 | -121,101 | $-7.1$ | -6. | -12.0 | Ohio. |
| Oklahoma | 428, 302 | ${ }^{11} 23796,405$ | 12 ${ }^{2} 22,866$ | 1.706 | ${ }^{1,1,020}$ | ${ }_{538}$ |  |  |  |  | 482, 725 | -54, 423 | $-11.3$ | -11.3 | -10.8 | Oklahoma. |
| Pennsylvania | 1,664,021 | 1,448,978 | 215,043 | 7,835 | 9, 744 | 1,816 | 1,307 | 1,375 | 9, 559 | 2, 129, 131 | 1,741,942 | -77, 921 | -4 | -4.8 | $-2.2$ | Pennsylvania. |
| Rhode Island. | 133,408 | 114,950 | 18,458 |  | 824 | 189 | 910 | 115 | 280 | 163,778 | 137, 878 | -4,470 | -3 | -2.8 | -5.7 | Rhode Island. |
| South Carolina | 177,020 161,933 | 157,453 142,552 | 19,567 19,381 | 2,041 | ${ }_{213}^{485}$ | ${ }_{342}^{290}$ | 1,848 970 | 163 7 | 476 500 | 24, 228 | 203,719 193,025 | $-26,699$ $-31,092$ | -13.1 | -12.6 -15.9 | -16.5 -17.6 | South Carolina |
| Tennessee. | 298,713 | 267, 279 | 31, 434 | 3,294 | 1,087 |  | 5,760 | 75 | 490 |  | 3.50, 520 | $-51,807$ | -14.8 | -15. 6 | $-7.5$ | Tennessee. |
| Texas | 1,191, 324 | 1,001, 875 | 189,649 | 35, 113 | 3, 1944 | 1,729 | 11,062 | 314 | 2, 503 | 74,094 | 1, 297, 301 | -105,977 | -8.2 | -7.8 | -10.1 | Texas |
| Vermont | 77, 595 | 69, 230 | 8,365 | 519 | 479 | 138 |  |  | 310 |  | 83, 877 | -6, 282 | $-7.5$ | $-8.2$ | -1.0 | Vermont. |
| Virginia | 370, 587 | 308, 806 | ${ }_{61}^{61,781}$ | 1,673 | 2. 0371 | 1,366 | ${ }^{4,735}$ | 153 177 | ${ }^{3}, 267$ | 11,588 | 379, 227 | -8,640 | $-2.3$ | -4.2 | 8.4 | Virginia. |
| Washington | 446, 001 | ${ }^{381,490}$ | ${ }_{34}^{64,511}$ | 4,543 1 1,785 | 1,776 | 1, 2162 | 2,017 | 176 | 1,439 6,402 | 59,462 | 420, 878 | 1325,123 -25 -200 | -6.0 | -5.7 |  | Weshington. |
| Wisconsin | 694, 652 | 587,906 | 106, 746 | 1,066 | 2, 204 | 514 | 5,812 | 320 | 1,708 |  | 754,249 | -59, 597 | -7.9 | -8.2 | $-6.2$ | Wisconsin. |
| W yoming | 56, 226 | 330 |  |  | 116 |  | 431 |  |  |  | 62, 10 | -5, | -9 | -9.8 | -7.6 |  |
| District of Columb | 160, 567 | 142,890 | 17,677 | 607 | 689 | 1,854 | 2,712 | 689 | 2,8 | 73, 711 | 173, 519 | -12,952 | -7 | -8 | -3. | District of Columbia. |
| Total | 24, 136, 879 | 20, 903, 422 | 3, 233, 457 | 412,998 | 91, 296 | 1436,475 | 143, 666 | 9, 068 | 92, 634 | 9, 730,649 | 15 25, 832, 884 | -1, 696,005 | -6.6 | -6.5 | -6.7 | Total. |

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prepared. It shows a comparison between the sources of $\$ 1,000$ in taxes and the manner in which $\$ 1,000$ was expended, and is based on tables given previously in the report. The comparison, however, is not a direct one, for the $\$ 1,000$ unit cannot be identical for both taxes and expenditures. If it were desired to make the two sides of the tabulation balance exactly, as in the case of a true balance sheet, it would be necessary to include proceeds from bonds and loans on the left of the double line, and principal payments on the right, as well as to make due allowance for balances carried over and carried forward. The complete figures necessary for such a presentation are not available, so that expenditures as given cannot be said to balance receipts from taxes. It is believed, however, that table 28 gives a helpful picture of the relation between tax money received and actual expenditures in the year 1930.

## PRICE INDICES SHOW TREND OF HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION COSTS

On the cover of Public Roads this month there appears a chart showing the variation of price indices for highway-construction work from 1922 to the close of 1932. For the years from 1922 to 1930, inclusive,
the average price index for a given year is plotted directly under the symbol for that year. For 1931 and 1932 the average index for the fourth quarter is given under the symbol for the year.

An extended discussion of the derivation of these indices will appear in a subsequent issue of Public Roads. It may be desirable, however, to remark here that the general index-designated "composite mile"is an index in which the weightings assigned to the various items for which prices have been used in determining this index, are the amounts of these items which would have been used in building one mile of highway if that mile had contained an average amount of grading and an average footage of structures and had the surfacing been composed of gravel, macadam, concrete, etc., in amounts proportioned according to the average usage of these various surfaces. The base period used in determining both weightings and average base prices is the period 1925 to 1929, inclusive. The general index (composite mile) shows the trend in prices in the highway construction field taken as a whole.

In addition to the general index, three subsidiary indices are shown-excavation (grading), surfacing, and structures. These indices indicate the price changes which have taken place in the more restricted field which each covers.

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Report of the Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, 1924. 5 cents.
Report of the Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, 1927. 5 cents.
Report of the Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, 1928. 5 cents.
Report of the Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, 1929. 10 cents.
Report of the Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, 1931. 10 cents.
Report of the Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, 1932. 10 cents.

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[^0]:    1 The investigation was directed by Henry R. Trumbower, professor of economics at the University of Wisconsin and economist for the Bureau of Public Roads, assisted by the late A. R. Hirst, engineer, and H. R. Priggs, statistician. The Division of Highways, Illinois Department of Public Works and Buildings, cooperated in making the facts and data available. The full report was recently published by the State of Illinois, under the title "Economic Survey of Illinois."
    ${ }_{2}^{2}$ For results of the W isconsin survey, see the April 1933 issue of Public Roads
    3 There are in Illinois incorporated cities, villages, and towns. All such municipalities are included in the classification of incorporated places. 174129-33-1

[^1]:    4 Out of a total of $\$ 31,272,400$ in local railroad taxes, $\$ 3,658,400$ were levies for local roads and streets.

[^2]:    "At the time of preparation of the "Master statistical tables", which form a part
    of the full report published by the State of Dlinois, the expenditures of Cook County in Chicago could not be ascertained. For this reason there are slight differences, negligible in effect, between figures given in tables 21,22 , and 25 and corresponding
    figures in the full report.

[^3]:    ${ }^{6}$ Report of the Survey of Traffic on Illinois State Highways, August 1931 to Labor Day, 1932, State of Illinois, 1932, p. 19.

[^4]:    Of this sum, $\$ 2,047,000$ represents a balance from the highway bond issues. This amount will be repaid entirely through motor-vehicle imposts
    
    

